

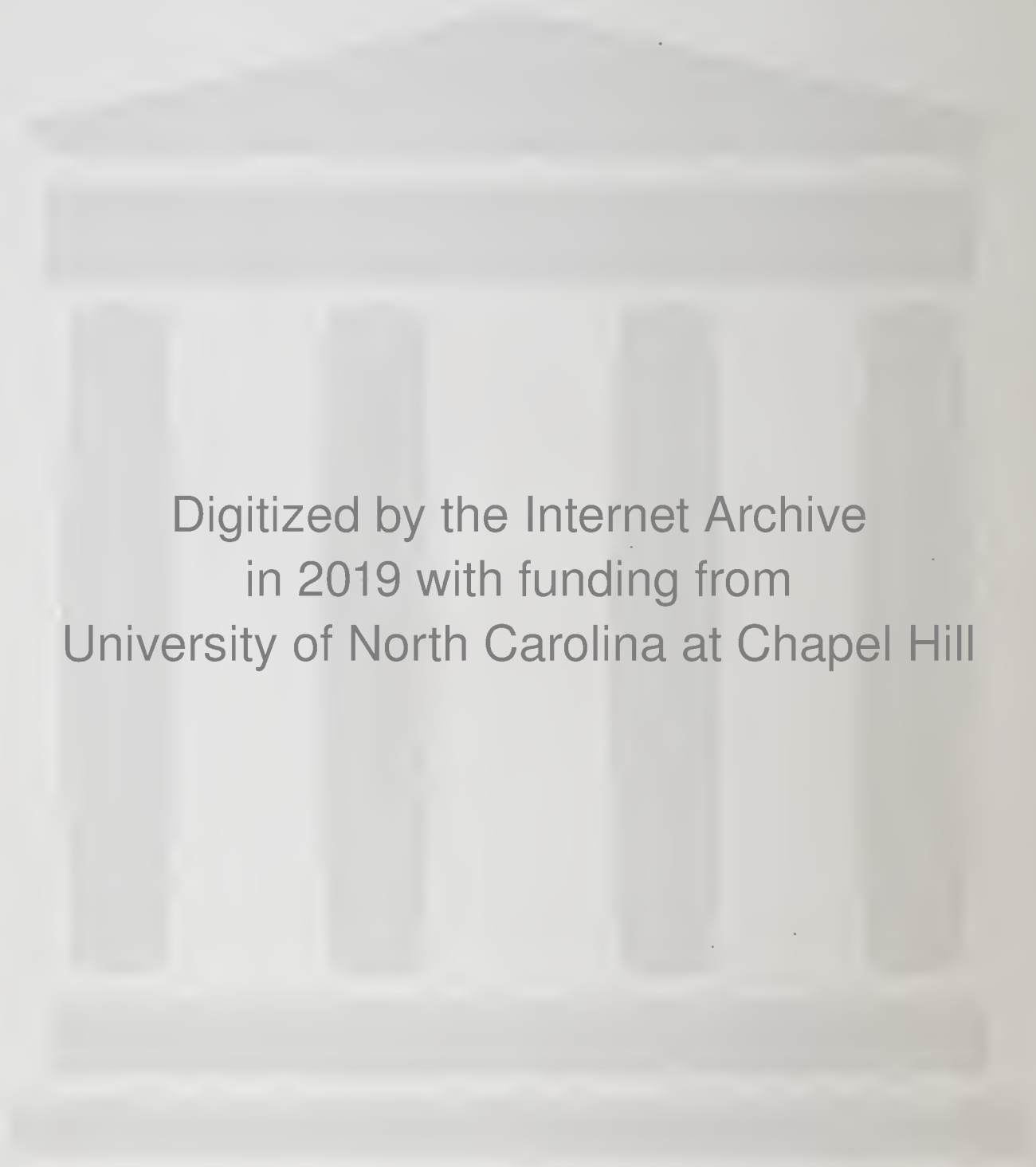
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order.
 2. Presentation of Credentials.
 3. Appointment of Credentials Committee.
 4. Read the Minutes of the Previous Meetings.
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NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

GREENSBORO, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1927

The Convention was called to order by the President A. L. Duckett, Esq., in the County Court House, Greensboro, N. C., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. R. Murphy Williams.

Song, "AMERICA," by the audience.

Address of welcome on behalf of the City of Greensboro—
Mayor E. B. Jeffress.

It is a peculiar pleasure for Greensboro to entertain the North Carolina Firemens' Association. It was here that your organization was born, about forty years ago; it was here that the need of such an organization became a fact and those loyal and brave firemen met together and resolved that such an organization should be.

Your organization today has been strengthened and guided in the right way because those early organizers were men true and tried, whose purpose was of the noblest and whose foresight was of the keenest, and they gave to your association from the very beginning their keen judgment and good business talent. The association has always been in the hands of men of the highest type.

Fire fighting is the work of a genuine man. It is no place for half hearted work. It calls forth the greatest efforts, encourages patriotism, self denial and even the sacrifice of ones life to the end that our lives and our property may be safe from the ravages of fire. Whether it is in the darkest or coldest night or on the hottest day, the loyal fireman answers the call with a true

heart and a determination to do his best. Whether it be with hook and ladder, horse drawn or the hand reel or the most modern gasoline propelled fire engine, there is the same courageous effort on the part of the fireman to do his best. Your association is made up of such men who have been tested by long service. They know their business and they do their jobs well.

Greensboro, therefore, takes a most peculiar pride in the achievements of your association, and it is honored today as it has rarely been honored before by having you as our guests on the fortieth anniversary of your organization in our city. We pay tribute to the early organizers and we pay tribute to your late president, Captain McNeil, and we pay tribute to those of you today who are charged with the duty of carrying forward the fire fighting machines of the various cities and towns of this state. Yours is a noble heritage, a history to be proud of, and I am sure that you will forever protect and carry forward the great and laudable traditions of a fireman.

I shall not undertake to tell you a great deal about Greensboro because Mr. Paul Lindley, President of the Chamber of Commerce is here to talk for that organization, but while I am before you I do want to tell you a little bit about the government of Greensboro and about its fire department. If there is one department in the City of Greensboro that has been more favored than any other department in regard to its requests for equipment and quarters, it has been the Greensboro Fire Department. Chief Frank Shaw has somehow or other managed to get about everything that he has wanted and he has built an organization of paid firemen which will always be true to the noble traditions of the volunteer firemen—that is, Service First. We have recently completed a modern central fire station. I am sure that most of you are already familiar with it. It has cost, including equipment, about \$125,000, and it houses the central alarm system, the telephone exchange, and six pieces of apparatus. No hotel perhaps has better quarters than the Greensboro Firemen have available at the Central Fire Station. Then we have four suburban stations scattered in various parts of the city. The department went on a full paid basis about a year ago and the boys are making a good record in handling themselves and their apparatus.

Greensboro has adopted a modern building code and is enforcing it and also has a zoning law, which will make it in years to come much easier for the firemen to fight fires in Greensboro. The zoning law provides for the health and the safety of people by requiring a certain amount of open space around buildings. It also provides for a limit on the height of buildings, and also prescribes the amount of area in the various districts which may

be occupied by buildings. All of this gives an opportunity for firemen to better control fire. Our building code provides regulations as to the type of construction permitted in various sections, and in connection with our plumbing and electrical code, we believe will do a great deal to improve conditions within a few years in our city.

The public has responded well to these new laws and their cooperation has been a matter of great pleasure to us because we find that the public is especially interested in those matters dealing with the life and the safety of our people.

And so it is in this atmosphere where we believe the citizens of Greensboro understand and appreciate a real fireman that we welcome you with our hearts open to you. It is needless for me to use too many words in this short talk, because I know that you have already been made fully welcome by this great group of citizens interested in making your convention a success. I assure you it is our intention to do everything we can for your happiness and pleasure while you are with us, and on behalf of all the citizens of Greensboro I bid you a most hearty welcome, and I urge that you do not delay returning to us again for your next convention.

Quartette Higgins Sisters.

Address of Welcome on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce,
by its President.

Mr. Paul C. Lindley:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: We are glad to have you with us. The Mayor intimated that the Chambers of Commerce in the different towns usually throw a whole lot of "Bull" and tell you about the outstanding things that they have in their towns. I am not going to do that. We want you to go around the town and see what we have. We are real proud of Greensboro as being a well balanced city. Now, as among our outstanding things and men, we have one man I really want to mention, and that is our Fire Chief, Frank Shaw (Applause). Along with my greetings of welcome I want to give you the pass word with him, and that is "Oh Shaw!" and if you get alarmed or vexed or anything like that during your stay with us here, just say, "Oh Shaw!" Just like that. That will get you anything right off, and if you want anything say the same thing all the time—"Oh Shaw!" That is the pass word for the week.

Our Chamber of Commerce rooms are on the second floor of

the Jefferson Standard Building, around on the south wing, and we hope quite a number of you will visit our rooms there. We have stamps and stationery and stenographers and service, anything you want, and we will be very glad to do anything in the world we can for you.

I might say along with the outstanding things that I didn't intend to mention, that the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company is one of the outstanding business concerns of the South. In other words, they are just 20 years old this August, and they have over 325 million dollars worth of insurance in force. I believe the delegates here would really appreciate going to the top floor of the building and looking over our town, and then go down the five floors and inspect this big life insurance company. It would really be a well worth while treat for you.

There is another address of welcome on this morning, and addresses of welcome, all of you know, are commonplace everyday things,—everybody knows they are welcome, especially in Greensboro. (Great applause). We are glad to have you here. We hope that you will have a very profitable meeting, and it is a pleasure to have you with us, and we hope you will come again.

I thank you. (Loud applause).

Address of welcome on behalf of the Fire Department of the City of Greensboro, by:

Mr. R. D. Douglass:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlement, and my Fellow Firemen: I have got a right to say that, for it has been 31 years since I joined the Fire Department of the City of Greensboro, and I am not very young; I am not so very old, either. You know you can stay young if you make up your mind to stay young, but you have got to have a mind to make up. (Loud applause.) But, even more than 31 years ago I was the mile runner on the athletic team of one of the big colleges of the country. I want to tell you something that happened, I think it is a case in point. We had an old Irishman as trainer who scarcely could tell the difference between a spelling book and a geography, but he knew his goods. A member of the faculty for several days came out on the track to watch him put us boys through the training. Finally, he went up to him and says: "Mike, I thought Douglas was your mile runner", and the Irishman answered and said, "Sure he is", and the member of the faculty said, "Then why don't you train him for a mile?" The Irishman said, "Sure, and I am training him for a mile." "Well", this member of the faculty said, "well, I have

been watching you for several days, and you never have him run over three-quarters of a mile, what is the idea?" Mike turned around and looked at him with the most disgusted look in the world and says, "You don't understand." "No," he says, "I don't understand." The Irishman says, "I am training the lad to run three-quarters of a mile on his muscle, and the lad that won't run the last quarter on their nerve more than the firemen. (Applause). my friends, I am telling you the literal truth when I say that there is no crowd on the face of God's green earth that has got to run the last quarter on their nerve more than the gremen. (Applause). When clothes are dripping wet, breath comes in gasping sobs, when fingers are numb, when muscles are aching, when eyes are bleared with smoke, when faces are smeared with grime and dirt, then to fight another hour on your nerve, that is a fireman! and the kind that don't want to do that are not firemen. (Applause). I call that reasoning, my friends, and if you will pardon me, I think I can say that here in Greensboro, representing the firemen of Greensboro, that I represent that kind of folks, and in welcoming you through the firemen of Greensboro I am sure that I am welcoming the same kind of folks. It was a geunine delight to us when you selected Greensboro as your meeting place. We will say like one of the Presidents of the United States once said when he was elected and they told him the result. He says, "Well, I don't know any particular reason why I should have been elected President, but having been elected, I am going to do the best I can." Now, I am not representing either the City or the Chamber of Commerce, and it is not up to me to claim that Greensboro is any better than anywhere else. All I can say is, that having been selected as your meeting place, we, the firemen of Greensboro, are going to do the best we can to make you have a good time.

In passing I feel I may say that, not your old friend, but your friend of long standing, Joe Stone, has done much to make this convention possible. Frank Shaw! Well, Frank Shaw is Frank Shaw. He has been at it for a long time.

All of us agree there is a welcome here for you; all of us are glad you are here; all of us hope that when you return to your respective homes you will be glad you have come.

Just one other thought. I hate to cast anything like a pall of gloom over this meeting, but without intending in the slightest to reflect upon your very able and devoted officers of the present, I believe they will agree with me in saying that a Firemen's Convention cannot be quite the same, cannot be quite perfect without our beloved friend, Captain Jim McNeil, and we hope and pray that the good God knows what we know about him, and that all is well with him. So, in conclusion, on behalf of the Greensboro Fire De-

partment, you visiting firemen are one of us. In the words of the Poet: You are welcome:

For east is east and west
 is west,
And never the twain
 shall meet,
Till earth and sky stand presently
 At God's great judgment seat;
But there is neither east
 Nor west,
Border nor breed
 Nor birth,
When two strong men
 Stand face to face,
Though they come
 From the ends of the earth.

And this is even more so when we are all North Carolinians, meeting for the double purpose of developing and perfecting and strengthening our fire system, and at the same time renew our acquaintances and friendships and have a good time for the next two or three days. My friends, you are one of the Gang, and the "Gang's all here!"

(Loud and long applause.)

Mr. J. J. Stone:

I want to announce that the Greensboro Rotary Club has its luncheon at 12:45 on the 17th floor of the Jefferson Standard Building, and if there are any visiting Rotarians on this audience who would like to attend I would be glad to have you so indicate so that we may be able to give you the proper accommodations.

(Six Rotarians present.)

Quartette by the Higgins Sisters.

Response to the Addresses of Welcome by—

Mr. George McNeil:

Mr. President, Mr. Mayor, Fellow Firemen, Ladies and Gentlemen: That I should have been chosen to respond to the addresses of welcome made to us by the distinguished citizens of Greensboro is not only an honor and a privilege, but I appreciate

beyond words at my command the genuine pleasure of being here. When I reflect that I am here to fill the place on the program in a measure as a substitute for one who so many times addressed you on similar occasions, I feel that I am discharging a duty I owe his memory, and one that I cannot fail to perform and at the same time hold inviolate what I regard as a solemn obligation.

It is my purpose this morning to briefly state to you people Greensboro's relationship to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. One afternoon in the late summer of 1888 three young fire chiefs were sitting in front of the old Benbow Hotel in this city. Your venerable citizen, Mr. J. Harper Elam, and Charles D. Benbow, Sr., were two of those men, and my father was the other. They had just read an account of an organization of State Firemen in the State of New Jersey, and those three men suggested the idea of a similar organization for North Carolina. A few weeks later a meeting of the fire chiefs was held in this city and the organization perfected, Mr. Charles D. Benbow being elected as the first President.

Now, Mayor Jefferess stated in his speech that the City of Greensboro, the officials of Greensboro had come nearer to meeting the requirements of the firemen than of any other department. That is fine. Greensboro ought to be proud of it, but the fact that the North Carolina State Firemen's Association held its first meeting in Greensboro is an incident in your city's history of which you also should be proud, since Greensboro enjoys the distinction of being the birthplace of the greatest organization of the kind in the United States. (Applause). Perhaps this is the reason, or partly accounts for the fact that the Firemen of North Carolina have always been partial to Greensboro as a place for holding their annual meetings; and then, too, the Firemen of North Carolina know the hospitality of your people, and that the welcome they receive comes from the heart. Why should there not be a bond of sympathy and friendship existing between the Firemen of North Carolina and the City of Greensboro? Greensboro, so to speak, is the alma mater of the organization.

Really, the people of North Carolina have always regarded the Firemen, generally, as being fixtures, since their vocation in life makes them the protectors of life and property, and when they depart from this wicked old sphere, they may not be able to attain it, but I shall always feel as if they are entitled to the highest Heaven set apart by God Almighty for the good and faithful of this earth.

Now, Mr. Mayor, I could talk on and on and on, but firemen are men of action, and actions speak louder than words. I will assure you that while we are here we will try to demean ourselves

so as to reflect credit on this organization, and so that the people of Greensboro will not regret having entertained us.

(Applause.)

Presentation of Gavel from Spencer Shops Firemen by—

Mr. Sherwood Brockwell:

Mr. President: There are two classes of people whose names ought to go down to posterity, and that classes—both of these classes, I should say,—are found in this organization. The North Carolina Firemen's Association is composed of builders and preservers. I want to say to you that every great achievement accomplished by the human race has been done by the help of the builders known as the mechanics, and in all our great deeds those mechanics, while never coming out and standing in the limelight, have held the position back where the idea was born and fulfilled. Lindbergh flew from New York to Paris, and while he sailed along in the Spirit of St. Louis, back in the Nation there were some mechanics, some builders who built that ship; and, incidentally, when you are riding in an automobile and you are driving and the fellow on the back seat begins to tell you what to do, just tell him Lindbergh got to Paris without any back seat advice. (Applause). One of the finest set of mechanics in the world is found in the Spencer shops. One of the greatest prides of the North Carolina Firemen's Association has been those fine boys who come from those shops in Spencer. They are always on the alert.

Now, for the past five years the President of our great Association has been incapacitated on the second day of our annual conventions, due to the fact of his having worn his knuckles off on the first day calling for order in the convention. So, I take great pleasure in presenting to you, Mr. President, on behalf of the Spencer Shops Firemen, this mallet. This mallet, I might say, is made from the wood of the Ligma vitas tree, and the material came from South America. I desire to present this, Mr. President, as I have already stated, in behalf of the Spencer Shops Firemen of the Southern Railway Company, as a slight token of their high regard for you and for the Association.

The President:

I accept this in the same spirit in which I know it is presented to this Association. I trust it will be kept right on down in the archives of this Association so that we may always remember the good feeling that exists between the members of this As-

sociation. I thank you on behalf of the Association.

The President:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am going to call upon a gentleman now whom you probably all know, and the firemen especially, and that is Mr. Stacey Wade, Insurance Commissioner, of Raleigh. Mr. Wade will now address us:

Mr. President, members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, Ladies and Gentlemen: Of all the conventions that I am privileged to attend during the year, there is none in which I take more delight than in the annual gathering of the fire-fighters of North Carolina. I look forward to your convention from year to year with unalloyed pleasure, for you never disappoint me. Association with you here renews my faith and zeal and I always go back to my desk strengthened and revived, serene and untroubled in the consciousness, the absolute certainty, that North Carolina's firemen are on the job and that all is well.

There is something about this fire-fighting game that keeps men young in spite of what the calendar would tell. There was the case of our lamented friend, and brother, Capt. J. D. McNeill of Fayetteville, who never grew old and for so many years the heart of this Association whom we all loved and whose memory will linger with us all our lives. He was always one of the boys, just as full of enthusiasm and pep as the newest rookie in the association, always the "life of the party."

In the association today we find old-stagers who started coming to these annual conventions back in the days "whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" and I find them unchanged—just as joyous as they were when I first saw them years ago and just as full of energy and joy of living as the youngsters that have come up to this convention for their first time.

So, in addition to the strengthening and uplifting effect that you have upon my morale, I am glad to have this yearly contact with a group of our citizenship that never grow old but retain through the years the high courage, the fiery enthusiasm and lofty idealism of youth. I feel that contact with you will help to keep me young and properly imbued with faith and zeal, and for that reason I am always glad to attend your meetings and join in your councils.

I think it particularly fortunate that we are meeting this year in Greensboro, the "Gate City", the insurance center of the South, which has led the State this year in the installation of improved fire-fighting equipment and whose fire department is one of the

best in the South. I know that all of you will find inspiration and encouragement in the developments that have taken place in Greensboro and that those of you who have not been so fortunate, will carry home with you new ideas and new plans that will eventually lift your home departments to the level of that which we see here.

Coming before you this year, I have no special message, no sermon to preach to you and no curtain lecture. I have no fault to find with the record you have made during the past year. As Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshall it gives me pleasure to say that you have lived up to my expectations and that I am proud of you. Our Statistician at the Department tells me our fire loss for the first half of 1927 was \$2,971,201 as against \$4,192,500 for the same period of last year, a reduction of nearly 50 per cent. For this tremendous reduction, I give the praise very largely to the members of this association, who have labored unceasingly to increase their personal efficiency as fire-fighters, who have given of their time and effort to the spreading of the gospel of Fire prevention, who have worked faithfully to provide in their home towns the best in the way of fire-fighting equipment and who have put service above self in all of the relations of life. In doing this you men of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association have performed a wonderful public service and I want you to know that your Insurance Department and your State Fire Marshal's Department appreciate it.

When President Harding was inaugurated, he made this statement:

"Service is the supreme commitment of life. I would rejoice to proclaim the era of the Golden Rule and crown it with the autocracy of service."

You gentlemen of this Association, above almost any group of men that I know, may lay claim to the crown that President Harding referred to, for surely you do not give of your time and strength and wisdom for the temporal rewards that come your way. In almost any other line of human endeavor the financial rewards are greater, and the demands upon your time are less exacting and if you had your minds and hearts set upon the "flesh-pots", you wouldn't be firemen. Knowing you, I know that while you men would be the last to admit it, the thing that keeps you in the ranks and brings you here from year to year, is the joy of service. I honor you for it and I am proud that such a body of men exists in North Carolina.

"We live in deeds, not years;
In thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial
We should count time by heart-throbs
He most lives, who thinks most
Feels the noblest, acts the best."

Folks may say that I am talking platitudes and perhaps they are platitudes. To my mind they constitute the only successful, workable philosophy of life and I take off my hat to men like you who bow at the shrine of service and have forgotten self in your desire to serve your fellow men.

Our Statistician has compiled figures showing the losses for the first six months of 1927 for 14 of the principal cities of the State. The total reached \$859,446, as against \$1,554,661 in 1926. Rocky Mount, with five fires and a total loss of \$2,085, leads the States, as she did last year with a loss record for the same period of \$8,070. Of the larger cities, Asheville, with a fire loss of \$16,297 leads and the same city led in its class last year.

In passing I would like to pay tribute to the work that Chief Duckett has accomplished in Asheville, our great mountain resort metropolis. Under his leadership there has been completed recently one of the finest fire stations in the South, with a splendidly equipped training field and fire tower six stories high. This new station is designed to serve as a community house, as well as a fire station. It is a new idea that Chief Duckett has hit upon and I commend it to all of you.

Quoting further from our reports, I think you will be interested to know that the State's largest city (at least, according to the U. S. Census Report) had 95 fires during the first half of 1927 as against 150 fires for the same period of last year, and a total loss of \$35,885 as against \$47,200. The city of Charlotte shows losses of \$48,675 as against \$470,615 last year. Greensboro \$39,483 as against \$266,056. Durham \$56,621 as against \$118,348. Raleigh \$31,759 as against \$345,617.

All down the list, with the exception of High Point, Wilson and Gastonia, each of which suffered an unusually large single fire, the same story is told. I am going into these figures in considerable detail because I want you to go home from this convention determined to better the record of the first half of the year in this, the second half, and come back to the convention next year with a finer record than you have made hitherto.

I desire also to impress upon you fire chiefs the importance of making prompt report of fires. At the department we pride ourselves upon the accuracy of our fire statistics. Our statistics, I feel, are more accurate than those of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and, except when some Fire Chief forgets to mail in

his report and delays our work, we get them out quicker. I hope that you Fire Chiefs will continue to cooperate with us in this regard and I promise that you will have no cause for complaining of this service.

Those of you who take pride in seeing the name of your town listed on the honor roll in our monthly bulletin among the towns that have had no fire during the preceding month, should remember that it is important also to report that there have been no fires.

I do not desire to place any unnecessary burden upon any fire chief or to cause him unnecessary expense, but these reports are necessary and they are required by law. I feel sure that by proper effort all of you will be able to induce your city authorities bear the expense.

Because you men are the ones who should be most deeply interested in it, I wish to speak briefly on your Firemen's Relief Fund. In several towns very little attention has been paid to this very important matter and it is truly remarkable that there has been so little complaint about the handling of the funds. In those towns where there has been trouble it has come from the failure of the board of trustees to throw the proper safe-guards around the funds. Where a bank or a building and loan association fails you can generally trace the failure back to a board of directors that have failed to "direct" and when some treasurer wastes the Firemen's Relief Fund, the trouble may be found in a board of trustees that have not lived up to the trust committed to it.

Therefore, it is important that you men see to it that your trustees function properly, that the funds are properly invested and that they are spent for the purposes for which they are intended. Our law is very definite about this matter and no money can be spent for purposes other than are set out in the Law.

I have had a rule for several years that no check covering this fund would be sent to any town until the treasurer of the fund had furnished bond for a sufficient amount in a reputable, licensed bonding company and the wisdom of this requirement has been abundantly proven. Such losses as have been suffered have been paid promptly, as would probably not have been the case if bonds with personal sureties had been accepted. In cases where the treasurer of the fund is also city treasurer, and under sufficient bond as such, we do not require an additional bond.

In conclusion, if you gentlemen will permit me, I would like to make a serious recommendation. I have noted for several years now that to a great many of you, your conventions have been running more and more to entertainment, with decreasing attention paid to serious matters. No one enjoys pleasure more than

I and I have joined in this merriment heartily and will continue to do so, but I do not want you to lose sight of the fact that you men have come here for a serious purpose. Your home towns are looking to you to acquire new fire-fighting knowledge at these conventions. They are expecting you to bring back new ideas and have new plans for improving conditions when you get back home.

Manifestly, if you spend all of the time in frolicking and playing around, you will not be able to do what your home folks expect of you. Therefore, I suggest that an hour or two be set aside every day for the study and discussion of real fire-fighting and fire prevention problems.

I would not suggest that there be formal, set speeches about these subjects, unless you used these speeches as a basis for round-table discussion. We have plenty of expert knowledge within the ranks of this association and all we have to do is to draw it out.

What I want to see here is a free-for-all discussion of all of those things that firemen should know about, including the best methods of fighting fires of all types and the best way to induce a board of aldermen to appropriate money for necessary fire-fighting equipment.

I have already referred to the splendid equipment that Greensboro has acquired. Perhaps there are a dozen fire chiefs here who would like to know how Chief Shaw and his forces got the money to buy it. I know that there are scores of fire chiefs here who would like to have a fire tower and a training field such as Chief Duckett of Asheville has. These and a thousand other things ought to be discussed here by you firemen and I hope that you will arrange for it. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to sit in on such a discussion as this would be.

In closing I desire to congratulate you on the splendid record your association has made during the year and upon the success that has attended your Firemen's Fraternal Benefit Fund, which richly merits the support that you have given it. I hope for your association and for all of you individually continued success.—I thank you.

The President

Ladies and Gentlemen: Just at this time I am going to recognize Chief Foster from the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

Mr. Roscoe A. Foster:

Mr. Chairman, and Brother Firemen: I am sorry that the

Mayor left, because there was one thing I wanted to say so that he would be reminded of something that passed through my mind while he was talking.

It was a great pleasure when I received the invitation through my mail to attend the North Carolina State Firemen's Convention in Greensboro and to get a good knowledge of the conditions in North Carolina in a not improper way; to stop in some of your principal cities in North Carolina, and to take a very close observation of the conditions in North Carolina. I want to say this, as was said here by one of the principal speakers, some 27 years ago I joined the firemen. Some people say a man who joins the fire department is a lazy man. My dear friends, there isn't a lazy bone in an active fireman; a man who disregards his life, who sacrifices his pleasures, a man who gives all for others; a man who does his very best 365 days in the year for the protection of his fellow men, their families, their lives and their property. There is not a lazy bone in a fireman of that type. Our fore parents away back in the 17th century made supreme sacrifices to protect our country from the encroachment of the wicked people of the European countries. They built up a class of volunteers, and we have profited by volunteers. In going through North Carolina I am going to deal with what I see as industries, and what I see that is profitable. A city is governed by a man or men selected to be there,—its best citizens. In many cases men who are selected are very short sighted in putting up buildings, inadequate public buildings,—not such as this beautiful court house, nor such as your City Hall, nor such as your Fire Station, nor the great Jefferson Standard Building, because these are supposed to be ideals for the City, but inadequate public buildings. If a city is prosperous enough to build a dozen nice buildings for public institutions it attracts business. It is sound business. We have been in the fire game. Our fore fathers sacrificed a great deal; they fought before us, those brave fathers of our states for better fire safety for our people to live in. But all along you will find where they built inadequate houses there were slothful organizations, because they had slothful conditions to live in. You will find in Greensboro, in Durham, in Asheville, and other cities that have inadequate fire stations the highest ideals of young men, the highest type of young men who are joining their association; you find the decent conditions which you expect to find in their homes; and it is only good sound business to build decent homes for firemen; a decent place for them to live in, because they spend the very best part of their lives in the fire stations. North Carolina has come into its own because it is on a good firm business basis. I will ask the Commissioner of the State of North Carolina to

take this one thought: Throughout the lone districts of the State of North Carolina you will find, in some of the towns I came through, that big business institutions have set up establishments there to get away from paying the State taxes. They will go and put in fire protection, and in doing so they will dictate the standard to suit themselves, and whenever they have a fire they call the nearest city for assistance, and one of the operators stated to me that when they arrive on the scene of the fire they cannot make connections. There should be really upon the statute books, not only of the State of North Carolina, but in other states in the Union, a law that every station in the State every fire station in the State should be equipped for hose connection. With the roads that you have, your facilities now, a neighboring city 20 miles away is just across the street; so that when help is asked for and assistance comes, when the men arrive, when they drive over the roads, with the class of people who drive motors today, they can arrive on the scene of the fire almost at once; but oftentimes they arrive on the scene and find that they cannot make their connecting stations. Now I realize this, I realize that you have some cities in North Carolina that ask for help; these firemen go many miles and arrive there to find they are perfectly helpless, not only to use their machines but to use their hose. We have the same condition in Virginia. I think there ought to be some law placed on the statute books to remedy this condition. I haven't any other criticism to make, because the hospitality of the people of North Carolina is truly southern. My fore parents came from the state south of here, and when they played Dixie the warm blood flowed in my veins as much as anybody's. I was born in Vicksburg (?), away out west, and away from the people of the south; and the same people who made this great west are friends of the south; and the people who made this north west are friends of the south. If you could have heard them brag in our National Convention which was held in Portland, Oregon you would have found that they came from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and they are the people who have made this great nation between the the Atlantic and the Pacific, and really we are today one great family, speaking one language, and we thoroughly ought to understand one another by now. I hope when I go away from here I will have lots to tell Virginia. Virginia has a convention which opens today in Alexandria, but they have no system; their business session lasts only about a quarter of an hour. They go there, as your Commissioner has just said, rightfully, to have a good time as firemen. I appeal to the young fellows attending this convention not to leave this beautiful city without attending all the business sessions, and thereby reaping

the benefits to be derived from them, for they are of great benefit to every one. I have attended conventions where even the firemen who are supposed to protect the lives and property of the people have done nothing but create something in the sense of excitement. Boys, I want to tell you we are out for bigger game. We are out to become more intellectual so that we may better cope with the vicissitudes that besets this great game. Let's deliver the goods.

I am glad that I came to your convention. I feel that I know everybody in North Carolina; they are not strangers to me, and I had the pleasure of feeling that when I was coming here. when my wife heard that I was coming to North Carolina she wanted to know what for, and I will tell you a little joke I told her, one that I was told some time ago. There was an Irishman who had spent the best part of his life hanging around a saloon before they were abolished. His wife had grown tired of this departure from home, and said to him "Pat. why do you spend so much time in that saloon ", and he said, "Maggie, there is a damned fine gang there"; and that is the reason I am here today, there is a fine gang here.—I thank you. (Loud applause.)

The President:

Mr. Foster ,I am sure we have all enjoyed hearing you this morning, and that we are glad indeed to have you with us, and we hope you will attend the afternoon session.

Mr. Foster:

I will, you needn't worry.

The President:

Ladies and Gentlemen: We have with us a gentleman from Atlanta whom I would like to recognize at this time,—Mr. Guy Dobbs of the City Council of Atlanta. Come over here on my right, Mr. Dodds.

Mr. Guy Dobbs:

Mr. Chairman, North Carolina Firemen: I had a telegram,—I had been acting Mayor in Atlanta for the last few weeks during the very serious illness of our Mayor. I had a message from your Mayor in Greensboro asking me to let Chief Cody come to this convention. He didn't ask me to come at all. When I phoned Chief

Cody to come to the North Carolina convention I told him I was going to let him come with the understanding that he would let me come. We agreed on that. He left Atlanta Sunday night, because I wanted to stay in Atlanta long enough to sign a paper last night that went over authorizing us to build a million and a half city hall and fire station. I had to get this out of mind. I signed this paper. I hope the contract will be let for the finest fire station south of the Mason and Dixon line within a short time.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to come to Greensboro, and your kind of friends here. Old man Shaw out here was my guest in Atlanta a few weeks back, and he told me if I would come to Greensboro he would see that I had a good time; that he would show me some real sure enough North Carolina hospitality; said if we people in Atlanta could suck as hard as we could blow we would have it all blowed out. I am not going to come here and blow Atlanta, but while I am here I am going to talk and blow for you. After all, as my friend from Portsmouth said a while ago, we are just one big family. I have never been in a fire department, but when they beat me in politics in Atlanta I am going to try to join up with the firemen, if I am not too old. Ever since I have been in the city government in Atlanta I have been looking out for them, and as long as I am elected Mayor pro tem I am going to do this. In the last 18 months we have succeeded in putting our fire department in the class of the highest paid fire folks in the United States, and they are not as yet where we are going to put them, when we can. I expect to give them the benefit, so far as I am concerned, other business,—I have got stock in their organization,—next month. I want to get them another salary increase in the next 12 months. I don't think there is anything too good for a good fireman. I feel by the fireman as I do by the engineer on the railroad, I feel safe when he is on the job, and you feel that he has got a real job when you see him up against it, isn't that so? I had a friend a while back, well, he begged me for two years to get him a job in the fire department. He says, "You city officials have at least got influence." I told him, "You are a great big fellow six and a half feet tall, but I don't believe you have got the guts," if you will excuse the expression. We had a fire two years ago. I put him on on account of his father and mother and all his relatives backing me. We had a fire in about three weeks in which we lost two firemen. The next day I got a letter from this fellow who had only been in the fire department ten days resigning. That is a matter of record. I didn't do a thing but write him a nice letter asking him did he remember what I told him. He was at the fire and I was right there watching him very close, and he was there running

around grabbing something he didn't want and running to the chief and assistant chief, he didn't have any sense; he wasn't much of a fireman, my friends, I tell you, but a few weeks before that he was fighting for a place in the fire department. Now, I am not going to hire any more kinsfolks as firemen.

I want to ask this man from the Chamber of Commerce, I want to ask him something. He said if I needed anything to holler "Oh Shaw," what time is your office hours? I am going to holler "Oh Shaw." I didn't sleep much last night coming up here, and it is getting hollering time with me. "Oh Shaw! Oh Shaw!"

I want to tell you we are going to have, and with this I will close, next year the Southern Fire Chiefs' Association, which is a new fire company which was organized in Atlanta this year, is meeting again in Atlanta, and I want to ask you, as Acting Mayor of the City of Atlanta, you gentlemen who are interested just talk and think about it. Our Chief Bill Cody, will round out his 50 years in the Atlanta Fire Department July 6 next year, and is going to resign on that day. We passed a resolution of the City Council of Atlanta two weeks ago that will be forwarded to the officials of the South East Fire Convention. We have tried to arrange to hold that convention in the City of Atlanta during the week of July 6th, at which time the City of Atlanta is going to try to entertain you as you have never been entertained before, and we have a movement on for a proposition whereby the city appropriates the amount of \$1500.000 to take over for the entertainment, and I am going, with the help of Mr. Frank Calloway, the chair, man, who is also here at this convention, to rent two or three floors of the biggest hotel in Atlanta and turn it over to you, and you can holler "Oh Shaw" all you please up there, and we will call out the police department up there to protect you. Yes sir, all you who come to Atlanta, we are going to show you a good time.

I got real excited about acquaintances while I was sitting down there, and I feel that these young fellows should have a good time, although I do agree with the State Fire Commissioners who have spoken about the serious side of this business. I feel like saying have a good time when the time comes and cut the good time out during business hours.

Now, come on back to Atlanta, come on back home; they want you to come back and tell them things that they can't tell you.

I feel more humble than anybody in the City of Atlanta in the presence of these worthy firemen. There is not a fireman in the City of Atlanta but what calls me Guy Dobbs. I don't want any Mister to it at all; we are just all one big family, and when I get out or they beat me in the City Government I am going to "jine" the fire department. "Oh Shaw!" I thank you.

The President:

That closes the addresses at this meeting. I am going to ask now if there are any delegates here who have not turned in their credentials. If there are, please hand them in to the Secretary at once. As you know, it is necessary for the credentials to be in here so that they can go to the committee, else you won't have the privilege of voting in the meetings during the convention.

The next order of business I believe is the appointment of the Credential Committee. I will now call Hildebrand of Canton, W. E. Holland, Raleigh, Alexander of Statesville, O. H. Streets, New Bern, and Gray, Robersonville.

One other thing I want to call your attention to just at this time before we adjourn, and that is the round table discussion which will be taken up some time this afternoon. There has been a box prepared and placed here and if anybody has any questions they want to ask put them in this box and they will be taken out and discussed at this round table discussion. So won't you please write your questions and deposit them in this box so that we can have them when this round table discussion is gone into. Please keep that in mind and put your questions in here. Now, Mr. Secretary, is there anything else before we adjourn? Just one thing, before I forget it, and that is with reference to the memorial service that is to be held here this evening at 7:30. Now, men, this is something that you owe to those who have passed out, and you certainly ought to come here for this hour's service. I don't think it will take longer than that, but every fireman should be here tonight for that service. You owe it to them, gentlemen, and you owe it to yourselves and this convention. I wish to say through this convention that this is a public meeting, and the public at large is invited and requested to attend if they so desire.

Call for Mr. Wood of Asheville, N. C.

The President:

Mr. Wood of Asheville is called for and recognized.

Mr. J. H. Wood:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am not on the program today. It is my pleasure to be with you and renew old acquaintances and make new acquaintances, and to express the same loyalty that I hold and have held for many years for the fire fighters of North Carolina. Some one said today,—I think Mr. Wade,—that of all of the conventions he comes in contact with he gets

no such amount of pleasure from any of them as he does from the Firemen's State Conventions. I also am called on to meet with a great many conventions during the year, and they all take second place to the work that I have a chance to watch and love, real work, in this convention. The firemen of North Carolina are real workers. It is service before self, which I think should be the motto of this Association, as it is of one of the leading clubs of the day. You have exemplified that motto for many years, and the record as given by Commissioner Wade today as fire loss for North Carolina for the first half of 1927 is one that you justly have a right to be proud of. It is your work that made these figures possible, and I just ask that you continue giving to North Carolina, giving to your own municipalities and town what you have done in the past, realizing in your own soul that you have a self-consciousness of work well done, and that your communities are proud of you, and that your communities love you as I do.

Thank you. (Applause.)

The President:

I want to call the attention of the Credential Committee to the work that they have before them. They will please see the Secretary as soon as we have adjourned and secure these credentials and get a roll of them as we have to have them back here at our next meeting before we can go further into the meeting. I ask the Credential Committee to see Mr. Miller at once.

Now, we will adjourn, if there is nothing further we will adjourn.

I want to say a word, the National Association, or the Fire Prevention Association with 1200 delegates had a question box and round table discussion and had a most enthusiastic meeting, the most enthusiastic they ever had, and the same proposition was carried out by the Fire Marshal's Association of Rocky Mount. The fire workers deposited questions in the box and they were taken up and discussed at the round table discussion, and I take this opportune time today to say that I am glad we are going to adopt this procedure in this convention here where every fire chief elected can come in here and ask questions. I have been attending these conventions ten years, and we have more talent in the Association today than we have ever had before. I hope this proposition will be taken advantage of, and that we will get a new spirit and new life by having those questions read before the convention where all the fire chiefs of the different cities and towns may state how they do the work. I certainly hope it will be taken under consideration today.

Dr. Long Graham, suggests that the memorial meeting be held in the Church instead of the Court House in order that there may be more room to accommodate the crowd, and also the meeting this afternoon.

The President:

In reply to Dr. Long's suggestion, it is suggested by Chief Shaw that we meet here as outlined in the program, and if we find there are too many people here we will adjourn across the street to the church, which will be very little trouble. I am afraid if we change the meeting place it will probably tend to confuse the people. So we will meet here at 7:30 this evening for the memorial service.

Mr. Wood:

I move that we give the young ladies composing the quartette a rising vote of thanks. Motion seconded and carried.

Adjournment until 1:30 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon, August 23, 1927

The Convention re-convenes at 1:30 in the County Court House, Greensboro, North Carolina, and the following proceedings are had:

The President:

The first piece of business will be the report of the Credential Committee. (The Committee reports that it is not quite ready.)

The President:

You will have to keep quiet. We had a lot of trouble last year on account of people not answering to their names, and then later on they did not understand why they didn't get their money from the Insurance Department. It was held up because they had no representative here, and it caused a great deal of trouble last year trying to check it up. Please listen to the calling of the roll and make answer to your names and companies.

The Secretary:

Mr. President, and Gentlemen: It was necessary last year to call a meeting of the Executive Committee, which met in the City of High Point, to consider the excuses rendered by the different departments who were not represented, as per our records of last year. This roll was called at Morehead City and numerous and different excuses were rendered by the ones whose names were marked absent. Their contention was that they registered at the City Hall or the fire station at Morehead. That is not all that it was necessary to do. They were not on the floor of the Convention and did not answer to their names. For the benefit of those who were absent at that time I want to say this: That the Executive Committee after investigating each and every one of the failures to respond to their names at Morehead City re-instated those members and placed them in the same condition as if they had answered to the roll call at Morehead City. They did that with the hope that this year and from now on that you would all attend the business sessions of this convention, and in order to make it a better convention, the roll call now will be the permanent roll call, and will be the record of the convention. Therefore, it behooves you gentlemen who represent your own departments to

answer to the roll call now, because you will not be entered on the roll call in the future at this convention. At this convention there will be voting on different propositions, and I want to read you the law under section 6072. I want you to know what it is, and we are going to take the time to tell you what it is, show you what it is:

6072. FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO BE MEMBERS OF
STATE ASSOCIATION AND SEND DELEGATE TO
MEETING:

For the purpose of supervision and as a guaranty that the provisions of this article shall be honestly administered in a business-like manner, it is provided that every department enjoying the benefits of this law shall be a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, send at least one accredited delegate to the annual meeting of said association and comply with its constitution and by-laws. If the department of any city, town or village shall fail to send at least one delegates to the annual meeting of the State Firemen's Association and otherwise fail to comply with the constitution and by-laws of said Association, said city, town or village shall forfeit its right to the next annual payment due from the funds mentioned in this article, and the insurance commissioner shall pay over said amount to the treasurer of the North Carolina Firemen's Association and same shall constitute a part of the firemen's relief fund: Provided, however, that the failure of any department to have a delegate or representative present at the annual meeting of the association shall not have such effect if in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Committee of said association such delegates or representatives had a valid excuse for his failure so to attend.

That is the law. Mr. Wade's office will withhold any funds from the Firemen's Relief fund from any department that does not respond to the roll call by having one delegate here. As I understand it, the Chief can represent the department. The assistant chief and a delegate or two delegates can represent the company.

The President:

The Credential Committee is now ready to report.

The President:

The Secretary will now call the roll.

The roll is called by the Secretary.

The President:

Gentlemen, this roll call of the delegates, as the Secretary, Mr. Miller, has them here, there is only about one-half of those that we have here that answered as the roll was called. Any delegates that have come in since the beginning of the roll call, will you stand up, please. Gentlemen, is there any one else that their names have not been called, or any that have not answered to the roll call? If not, this list will stand as it now appears here.

Dr. Long:

I would like to put up a little excuse. We people know we come here for business; some of those are not here. I came here this morning and could not get in, and found two delegates leaving here at ten o'clock this morning. Those people went away. They didn't understand there would be another meeting today. I hate to see any one shut out on account of a misunderstanding, as the program didn't announce it. They were not even here. I want to apologize for them.

The President:

Doctor Long, the only thing I can say is that it is in the hands of the Executive Committee to settle between now and the next convention, and they will have to hear these complaints or excuses.

Dr. Long:

I have one of my own to make; mine is here.

The President:

Doctor Long, the delegates were supposed to be here at 10 o'clock; they were not here at 10:30 when the roll was called; then the meeting was adjourned at 1:30, and they were supposed to be here; now when the roll is called they are still absent. For your information, Dr. Long, I will call your attention to the program for this afternoon's business meeting from 2 to 2:30. That is on this program.

Dr. Long:

It isn't on this little book.

The Secretary:

In order to complete our records and to know they are right, so that there can be no argument about the matter, I wish to call your attention to and have it recorded by the stenographer on the minutes of this meeting, that the names of the delegates from the following towns and cities do not respond:

Aberdeen, Baden, Beaufort, Biltmore Forest, Brevard, Bryson City, Chapel Hill, Elkin, Elm City, Enfield, Fairmont, Freemont, Gastonia, Greenville, Kernersville, Kings Mountain, Laurenborg, Lillington, Louisburg, Marion, Mt. Olive, Newton, North Wilesboro, Oteen, Rockingham, Roxboro, Smithfield, Southern Pines, Snow Hill, Troy, Wadesboro, Wendell, Wilson, Zebulon.

Mr. Sherwood Brockwell:

Mr. President: Whereas a number of those towns that have been called we know their delegates are here in the city; and Whereas Dr. Long has so aptly brought out that there is a possibility of confusion due to the fact of there being two separate programs; and Whereas this is an important action we are taking now, will the Chair entertain a motion to continue the roll call until say 9:30 in the morning? I ask that question on behalf of those men who are liable to be confused, and I ask that the roll call be dispensed with this afternoon.

The President:

We will get through with what Mr. Miller started. We will get through with that first.

The Chair will recognize Mr. Sherwood Brockwell at this time.

Mr. Brockwell:

This is a suggestion that the Chair entertain a motion that due to the fact that there is a chance of confusion on account of the two separate programs, that the roll call be continued until the morning session Wednesday, and all those not answering to their names at that time be acted on according to the object of this meeting. Give them a chance to answer in the morning at the final business meeting.

The President:

You make that as a motion?

Mr. Brockwell:

Yes sir.

Motion seconded.

The President:

It has been moved and seconded that we will continue the roll call until tomorrow morning. Any discussion? No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Jones (Ayden):

Mr. President: I just wanted to suggest that each and every one that knows of any one being absent, they might, if they see them, let them know. Anybody here that knows of any delegate or chief that is absent and comes in contact with them between now and tomorrow's sessions, let them know of the motion that has just been passed, so that they may be here, or their town represented.

The President:

We are going to distribute the proceedings of the last meeting. Kindly look them over between now and tomorrow's session, so that you will be able to suggest any changes you think necessary.

(Minutes of the last Sessions distributed)

The President:

In extending this roll call there is one matter I will bring to your attention at this time. During the session this afternoon if there is any question that comes up that has to be answered or decided by roll call, I should have stated that it will be necessary to defer that until after the completion of this roll call tomorrow morning. I will just say that for your information.

The President:

The Convention is now organized and ready for business, and the next piece of business, the next order of business is the reports of the officers and committees, and I suppose that the Pres-

ident's Report comes first, and in offering you this report I will say in the beginning that it is very brief, and will not take very much of your time in listening to it.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

Gentlemen:

I am submitting this, my annual report, setting forth some of the more important work done by your Executive Committee.

At our last meeting in Moorehead City, I was instructed to appoint two members of the Association to confer with the Executive Committee on all matters pertaining to the finance of the Association. This was done immediately after the meeting and Mr. A. B. Horney of High Point, and Mr. J. B. Flora of Elizabeth City were appointed. These appointments were accepted and on October 9th, 1926, we held a meeting in High Point, at which time we made a thorough study of the finances and tried to make, as nearly as possible, such disposition of the funds as was recommended by the Auditing Committee, and I believe that the finances of your Association are in excellent condition and safely invested.

Insurance Department. This department has been called upon to pay more death claims this year than any former year since its establishment; there being eighteen deaths since our last meeting, three of which were paid out of the Reserve Fund, and here I would like to call your attention to the importance of carrying this insurance, as it certainly is the cheapest and safest to be had and there is yet about fifty per cent of our membership who do not carry this insurance.

It is very gratifying to note that the Secretary of the Association has enrolled during the year eight towns into the Association, making a total of 123 towns.

Your Executive Committee held a meeting in Raleigh, looking to the establishment of a pension fund for the superannuated firemen of the State, but after a great deal of thought and discussion, it was decided that this was not the proper time to go into this matter and was left open until some future date.

You all know of the sad passing of President Emeritus James D. McNeill, and in the passing of President McNeill, this Association has lost its most influential and beloved member; he being one of the charter members who in 1888 called the first meeting of the Association in Greensboro and in 1894 was elected President and served continuously until 1919, a period of twenty-five years, at which time you elected him President Emeritus. Your Executive Committee as well as firemen from all over the State attended this

funeral which was held in the Episcopal Church at Fayetteville, and the body was borne to its last resting place in the James D. McNeill truck which was given to the Association and named for President McNeill in 1926. I sincerely hope that there will be started during this convention a movement looking to the erection of a suitable memorial which will be in keeping with the long and faithful service rendered this Association by him.

Some of you will recall at the Morehead City meeting last year that Sherwood Brockwell made a lengthy talk regarding North Carolina and her fire loss and suggested that this Association take the proper steps to further advance fire protection and extinguishment throughout the State and after discussion, there was a motion made by Mr. McNeill that the President of the Association be empowered to appoint a committee and when called upon by the Insurance Commissioner, make investigations of important fires and submit a report to the Association; but during the year I have not been called upon by the Commissioner for this service and would suggest that this question be gone into more thoroughly and be developed to a point where we will be of real service to our people along these lines.

In closing let me say that I thoroughly appreciate the cooperation the officers and members of the Association have given me during the last year and especially commend Mr. John L. Miller, Secretary, for his untiring and prompt service in all Association matters. During this present convention I trust the members will be prompt in attendance and enter into discussions freely so that we may dispatch business promptly and keep in line with the program laid out.

Very respectfully submitted,

A. L. DUCKETT, President.

Mr. Brockwell:

With reference to the motion made by President Emeritus McNeill at the Morehead City Convention, that is just a little in error. Of course we know there has not been anything done along that line; and that proposition I made last year was for the North Carolina Firemen's Association to render more service to the State through its own self; and the reference made to the Insurance Commissioner, it was not that he was to notify them; not that he was to request it; but that the Association itself, through its President, when a fire occurred of such importance as that he would deem it necessary, that he could appoint a committee to investigate that fire, and to secure data which would be the Association's

property; which the Association could give to whom it pleased, and under such circumstances as it pleased; the reference to the Commissioner being that of wanting to work with and fully cooperate with him. I believe that idea is a good one, and I am certainly glad today that our President has mentioned it in his report this year. I believe this will be of great value to the State of North Carolina.

It is moved and seconded that the President's Report be adopted and printed in the proceedings of the Convention. Motion carried.

The President:

The next is the Report of the Secretary, Mr. Miller.

Report read by the Secretary. It is moved and seconded that the names be omitted from the Report and only the totals read. Motion carried.

The President:

What is your pleasure with reference to the Secretary's Report?

Motion to accept the report.

The President:

The proper steps, I think, is to refer this Report to the Auditing Committee.

Motion to refer report to the Auditing Committee.

Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report—1926-1927

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

Gentlemen: I herewith transmit to you my annual report, as Secretary, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1927.

The membership of the Association consists of one hundred and ninety departments and companies in one hundred and twenty cities and towns as follows:

Aberdeen
 Albemarle, Andrews
 Asheboro, Asheville, Ayden
 Badin, Beaufort, Belhaven, Benson
 Biltmore, Black Mountain, Brevard, Bryson
 City, Burlington, Burnsville, Biltmore Forest, Canton,
 Carthage, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Cherryville,
 Clinton, Concord, Dunn, Durham, East Spencer, Edenton, Elizabeth
 City, Elm City, Enfield, Elkin, Fairmont, Farmville, Fayetteville,
 Forest City, Franklinton, Fremont, Gastonia, Gibsonville, Golds-
 boro, Graham, Greensboro, Greenville, Hamlet, Henderson, Hender-
 sonville, Hickory, High Point, Kannapolis, Kernersville, Kinston,
 Kings Mountain, Kenilworth, LaGrange, Laurinburg, Leaksville,
 Lenoir, Lexington, Lillington, Littleton, Lincolnton, Louisburg,
 Lumberton, Madison, Maiden, Marion, Maxton, Mebane, Monroe,
 Mooresville, Morehead City, Morgantown, Murphy, Mount Airy, Mt.
 Olive, New Berne, Newton, North Wilkesboro, Pinebluff, Old Fort,
 Oteen, Oxford, Raeford, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Rocking-
 ham, Roanoke Rapids, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Rowland,
 Roxboro, Rutherfordton, Salisbury, Sanford, Selma, Shelby,
 Siler City, Smithfield, Snow Hill, Southern Pines, Southport,
 Spencer, Spencer (Shop), Statesville, Tarboro, Troy
 Thomasville, Wadesboro, Wake Forest, Wallace,
 Warrenton, Washington, Waynesville,
 Weaverville, Wendell, Williamston,
 Wilmington, Wilson, Winston-
 Salem, Zebulon

Warrants issued on the General Fund during the year is as follows, amounting to:

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Aug. 9—Farrar, Jno. C., Treasurer, Colored Firemen's
 Association, 1-6 of \$1,767.35.....

294.56

17—Styron, Chas. W., Chief Entertaining 1926 Convention	500.00
21—Kesler, J. C., Chairman Auditing Committee, auditing books of secretary and treasurer	15.00
Bealsey, F. J., auditing books of secretary and treasurer	15.00
Flora, J. B. Auditing books of Secretary and Treasurer	15.00
25—Styron, Chas. W., Chief. Storage on motor trauck, gas and oils	34.91
Duckett, A. L., President, expenses to 1926 Convention	53.00
Horney, A. B., expense to 1926 Convention, telephone, traveling expenses 1926-1925	60.80
Huneycutt, L. F., Supervising use of truck, expenses driving truck to Greensboro	58.56
30—Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, expense to Charlotte, 1926 Convention, books, stationery and postage	67.89
Lord & Meares, premium on Treasurers 1 year for 10,000	25.00
Jacobs, Miss Hilda, Stenographer, reporting 1926 Convention	88.75
Sept. 4—Harris, Chas. C., Statistician, six month Salary and Expense to 1926 Convention	70.91
20—Horney, A. B., President, salary for 1 1-2 months to August 15, 1926	31.25
Duckett, A. L., President, Salary 1 ½ months to September 30, 1926	31.25
Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, salary for quarter ending September 30, 1926	50.00
Sept. 20—Miller, Jno, L., Secretary, salary for quarter ending September 30, 1926	187.50
Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, telegrams, postage, express, expense to 1926 Convention	63.96
24—Kidd-Frix Music Store 1 No. 104 VLL four-drawer File case	74.13
30—Edwards & Broughton Printing Co., Memorial Volume	655.40
Dawson Jewelry Store for 1 Anniversary Watch	614.62
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., for \$2,500 Bond St. Johns E. V. Church, Salisbury	2,505.40
Whitley, R. C., Vice President, expense to High Point Executive Committee meeting	25.30

Harris, Chas. C., Statistician, expense to High Point Executive Committee meeting	27.29
Flora, J. B., expense to High Point Executive Committee meeting	29.25
Duckett, A. L., President, expense to High Point Executive Committee meeting	24.64
Nov. 20.—Rocky Mount Insurance & Realty Co., \$2,500 bonds and accrued interest	2,556.67
Dec. 15—Duckett, A. L., Prtsident, salary for quarter ending December 31, 1926	62.50
Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, salary for quarter ending December 31, 1926	50.00
Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, salary for quarter ending December 31, 1926	187.50
Snyder Printing Co., record cards, envelops, etc., for Secretary	16.50
Snyder Printing Co., printing proceedings 1926 Convention, 132 pages, 600 copies	264.00

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Jan. 22—Duckett, A. L., President, expense two trips to Raleigh 12-20 and 1-14, 1927	69.10
March 5—Fallow, J. J., Raleigh, Floral design Capt., Jas. D. McNeill	25.00
Johnston, "Florist," High Point floral design Capt. Jas. D. McNeill	40.75
Whitley, R. C., Vice President, expense two Executive Committee meetings, Raleigh and Fayetteville	51.89
7—Snyder Printing Co., Printing 1,000 No. 10 envelopes for Secretary	6.00
20—Duckett, A. L., President, salary for quarter ending March 31, 1927	62.50
Schnibben, Chas., salary for quarter ending March 31, 1927	50.00
Miller, Jno. L., salary for quarter ending March 31, 1927	187.50
Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, postage, telephone, telegraph, three meetings Executive Committee, Raleigh	87.13
Harris Chas. C., Statistician, expense Executive Committee meeting, Raleigh and Fayetteville	24.59
21—Duckett, A. L., President, expense Executive	

Committee meetings, Fayetteville and Raleigh	57.24
May 24—Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, expense Executive Committee meeting, High Point, Raleigh and Fayetteville	76.19
Snyder Printing Co., Printing letter heads for Secretary	5.50
June 15—Horney, A. B., expense to Siler City in the interest of the Association	5.40
Duckett, A. L., President, salary for quarter ending June 30, 1927	62.50
Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, salary for quarter ending June 30, 1927	50.00
Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, salary for quarter ending June 30, 1927	187.50
Miller, Jno. L., expense to Greensboro, Burlington, postage, telegrams and telephones.....	31.20
Duckett, A. L., President, expense to Greensboro Executive Committee meeting	24.57
30—Snyder Printing Co., 300 letters and 1,000 blanks	7.50
Total warrants drawn	\$9,868.60
Less purchase of Bonds\$2,505.40 2,556.67	\$5,062.07
Less Treasurer's Salary 1 year	\$200.00
Less Printing Minutes 1926	264.00
Total disbursements for year	\$4,342.53

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During the year Warrants have been issued on the Relief Fund as follows:

Aug. 30—Lord & Meares, Premium on Treasurer's bond \$12,500	31.25
Sept. 4—Klutts, G. R., Spencer, accident occurred August 19, 1926	16.00
11—Brandon, B. R., East Spencer, accident occurred August 21, 1926	48.00
Dec. 11—Rusher, W. L., East Spencer, accident occurred 11 17 27	8.00
March 5—Dodd, G. R., accident occurred 12-17-26	104.00

April 28—Walker, B. C., Statesville, accident occurred	
12-28-26	60.00
May 12—Cress, H. M., Kannapolis, accident occurred	
5-26-27	20.00
June 30—General Fund. Treasurer's Salary 1 year	200.00
General Fund. Printing minutes of 1926 Convention	264.00
Total disbursements for year	<u>\$751.25</u>

During the year 1926-1927 collections have
been as follows:

	Per Capita	1927
July 3—Graham, Ernest, Red Springs	\$13.00	
Lindsey, C. W., Oteen	.50	
Smith, E. B., Raleigh	.50	
10—Oakes, H. U., High Point	.50	
13—Williamson, W. P., Burlington	20.00	
14—Finch, J. D., Zebulon	6.50	
Thompson, W. H., Winston-Salem	1.50	
Chatham, Alex, Elkin	5.50	
Guthrie, H. C. B., Greensboro	.50	
17—Smith, E. B., Raleigh	4.00	
Caffrey, Jas. V., Beaufort	11.50	
22—Thompson, W. H., Winston-Salem	.50	
24—Axley, T. W., Murphy	10.00	
Johnson, J. H., Selma	7.00	
31—Earnhardt, S. A., East Spencer	4.50	
Lewis, Jno. G., Statesville	2.50	
Lynch, J. W., Mebane	.50	
Aug. 5—Norris, W. C. Spencer (Shop)	.50	
Edwards, F. L., Williamston	11.50	
Earnhardt, S. A., East Spencer	1.00	
9—Furness, Thos., Canton	1.50	
Farmer, F. D., Wilson	.50	
10—Adams, J. J., Henderson	11.50	
Hare, Jno. L., Fremont	13.00	
11—Norris, W. C., Spencer (Shop)	2.00	
Rhodes, M. H., Wendell	5.00	
Gaither, D. B., Newton	13.00	

13—Furness, Thos., Canton	1.50
14—Norris, W. C., Spencer (Shop)	1.50
21—Gray, Wm. H., Robersonville	11.50
Sept. 4—Guthrie, H. C. B., Greensboro	1.00
Woodson, Earl, Rocky Mount	.50
9—Miller, C. L., Concord	.50
11—McMillan, L. S., Raeford	1.00
15—Wilfong, W. D., Hickory	.50
Clarke, A. L., Roanoke Rapids	6.50
17—Gray, W. H., Robersonville	5.00
Dunn, H. B. Wallace	.50
24—Smith, E. B., Raleigh	2.00
25—Norris, W. C. Spencer (Shop)	.50
Wilfong, W. D. Hickory	1.00
Oct. 2—Kissiah, H. C., Charlotte	.500
14—Matthews, M. H., Biltmore	.50
16—Matthews, M. H., Biltmore	.50
23—Matthews, M. H., Biltmore	1.00
27—Oakes, H. U., High Point	.50
Nov. 6—Kissiah, H. C., Charlotte	.50
Linker, L. F., Greensboro	1.00
Cakes, H. U., High Point	.50
Miller, C. L. Concord	.50
13—Miller, Chas. D., Black Mountain	1.00

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	Per Capita
Dec. 11—Pardue, S. I., North Wilkesboro	11.50
Nissen, H. E., Winston-Salem	34.00
Witt, D. G., Mount Airy	11.50
Keever, P. L., Maiden	7.50
Euliss, W. M., Graham	7.50
Floyd, O. I., Fairmont	6.00
Giles, G. W., Marion	10.00
McCallum, I. F., Hamlet	9.50
Stine, L. F., Lenoir	14.00
Gatlin, E. S., Reidsville	10.00
18—Packard, Levi, Pinebluff	5.00
Deaton, H. P., Mooresville	18.50
Russell, J. P., Lumberton	8.00
Gardner, G. W., Greenville	11.50
Martin, A. N., Mount Olive	12.50
Pearsall, D. M., Dunn	8.50
Woodward, C. F., Andrews	7.50

	Patton, H. H., Brevard	9.00
	Godbey, L. C., Thomasville	8.50
	Dunn, H. B., Wallace	10.00
	Hall, J. J., Graham	5.00
	Peele, R. S., Kinston	24.50
24—	Shuford, Jas. A., Lincolnton	8.50
	Leavitt, C. F., Carthage	7.50
	Spires, E. W., Edenton	9.50
	Burns, I. M., Cherryville	9.00
	Pickens, R. W., Badin	13.00
	O'Bryant, J. M., Roxboro	14.50
	Gunter, C. L., Sanford	8.00
25—	Wilfong, W. D., Hickory	25.00
27—	Finch, J. D., Zebulon	5.50
31—	Fitzgerald, J. C., Asheville	49.50
	Shaw, Frank D., Greensboro	38.00
	Linker, L. F., Greensboro	10.50
	Crumpler, C. O., Greensboro	6.00
	Canada, B. C., Durham	32.50
	Kissiah, H. C., Charlotte	44.50
	Bradshaw, G. W., Burlington	19.50
	Lynch, J. W., Mebane	6.50
	Hires, W. S., Greensboro	4.00
	Manning, W. C., Williamston	6.50
	Caldwell, J. E., Forest City	5.00
	Tate, R. W., Southern Pines	14.50
	Packard, Levi, Pinebluff	11.00
	Schnibben, C. has., Wilmington	26.00
	Morris, C. E., Albemarle	11.50
	Guthrie, H. C., Greensboro	10.00
	Gill, T. J., Laurinburg	7.00
	Pugh, W. M., New Berne	26.50
	Jeffreys, J. G., Selma	7.00
	Davis, E. Stamey, Morehead City	15.50
	Clarke, E. L., Greensboro	7.50
	McLaughlin, G. F., Gastonia	10.00
Dec. 31—	Earnhardt, S. A., East Spencer	13.00
	Woolen, J. W., Kernersville	8.50
	Miller, C. L., Concord	22.00
	Taylor, V. W., Oxford	11.50
	Furness, Thos., Canton	14.00
	Garrison, J. M., Weaverville	9.00
	Thompson, W. H., WinstonSalem	19.50
	Kesler, J. C., Salisbury	16.00
1927	McMillan, L. S., Raeford	9.50

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Jan. 8—	Smith, E. B., Raleigh	47.00
	Norris, W. C., Spencer (Shop)	33.00
	Dixon, H. O., Benson	6.00
	Ray, J. F., Oteen	6.00
	Welch, W. R., Monroe	9.50
	Caffrey, J. V., Beaufort	20.00
	Holmes, Jno. H., Winston-Salem	5.50
	Matthews, M. H., Biltmore	7.00
	Karn, R. D., Tarboro	15.00
	Snead, C. T., Leaksville	11.00
	Earnhardt, S. A., East Spencer	.50
	Clarke, E. L., Greensboro	.50
10—	Woodson, Earl, Rocky Mount	30.50
13—	Harris, W. C., Belhaven	10.50
	Crutchfield, J. G., Asheboro	15.00
15—	McCallum, W. D., Rowland	8.00
	Giles, G. W., Marion	.50
	McMillan, L. S., Raeford	1.50
	Holmes, Jno. H., Winston-Salem	1.00
22—	Crowell, C. W., Spencer	10.50
	Green, R. T., Black Mountain	.50
	Foister, Jno. L., Chapel Hill	12.50
	Norris, F. C., Spencer (Shop)	3.50
20—	Smith, W. A., Clinton	10.00
	Farmer, F. D., Wilson	15.50
	Fetzer, F. G., Wadesboro	10.00
	Moseley, J. N., Littleton	5.50
Feb. 4—	Boon, W. G., Gibsonville	11.00
	McClure, Jas. H., Washington	40.00
	McGlohon, L. G. C., Ayden	9.00
12—	Miller, C. L., Concord	.50
	Woodson, Earl, Rocky Mount	1.00
	Green, R. T., Black Mountain	20.00
	Packard, Levi, Pinebluff	.50
19—	Thompson, W. H., Winston-Salem	2.00
	Wilfong, W. D., Hickory	.50
21—	Barnhill, G. S., Fayetteville	23.00
26—	Norris, W. C., Spencer (Shop)	1.00
	Sharpe, W. E., Siler City	11.00
March 5—	Owen, T. N., Lexington	25.50
12—	Taylor, J. C., Kannapolis	7.50
	Carrowan, E. T., Maxton	6.50
	Clarke, A. L., Roanoke Rapids	6.50
12—	Jennings, R. M., Elizabeth City	13.50
	Holt, W. N., Smithfield	9.00

PROCEEDINGS NORTH CAROLINA

Dillings, C. G., Kings Mountain	8.00
Oakes, H. U., High Point	.50
14—Early, H. R., Old Fort	21.50
19—Moseley, J. N., Littleton	1.00
Yelverton, Leslie, Goldsboro	12.00
Chatham, Alex, Elkin	5.50
26—Woodson, Earl, Rocky Mount	1.00
Wortman, F. J., Morganton	11.50
Beasley, F. J., Louisburg	13.50
April 2—Powers, Otis, V., Hendersonville	9.00
Covington, J. E., Rockingham	7.00
9—City Clerk, Murphy	10.00
11—Early, H. R., Old Fort	1.00
23—Wood, R. L., Enfield	11.50
Early, H. R., Old Fort	.50
26—Graham, Ernest, Red Springs	11.50
30—Adams, J. J., Henderson	10.50
Dunn, H. B., Wallace	10.00
May 7—Norris, W. C., Spencer (Shop)	.50
9—Early, H. R., Old Fort	.50
Leavitt, C. F., Carthage	.50
23—Ingram, C. H., Greensboro	5.00
June 4—Moser, W. M., Carrboro	17.00
Norris, W. C., Spencer (Shop)	.50
8—Lewis, Jno. G., Statesville	20.50
Fitzgerald, J. C., Asheville	5.00
9—Jordan, M. W., Madison	5.50
11—Gardner, J., Burnsville	14.50
14—Hare, Jno. L., Fremont	10.50
McKeithen, D. T., Aberdeen	.50
Todd, M. C., Wendell	5.00
18—Shirley, G. M., Farmville	11.00
Culbreth, F. P., Shelby	14.00
21—Blalock, O. J., Troy	6.50
23—Hood, H. H., Southport	10.00
28—Kissiah, H. C., Charlotte	.50
30—Kinsey, R. E. LaGrange	6.00
Green, W. H., Franklinton	8.00
Oakes, H. U., High Point	44.00
	\$1,855.00
Interest on Coupons	210.00
Interest on Coupons	165.00
Interest on Coupons	300.00

Interest on Coupons	9.32	684.32
Total Collection		\$2,539.32
Oakes, H. U., High Point	.50	
Thompson, W. H., WinstonSalem	.50	1.00
Total Collections		\$2,540.32

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REMITTANCES

Jan. 8—Chas. Schnibben, Treas., Coupons .. \$	300.00	
Chas. Schnibben, Treas., Coupons	10000.00	
May 7—Chas. Schnibben, Treas., Coupons	500.000	
Chas. Schnibben, Treas., Coupons	165.00	
July 8—Chas. Schnibben, Treas., Coupons	210.00	
Chas. Schnibben, Treas., Coupons	356.00	
Chas. Schnibben, Treas., Coupons	9.32	\$2,540.32

THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS		Mortuary Fund	General Fund
July	Assessment No. 33 Passed		
First	Assessment No. 34	\$1,866.19	186.61
1926	Assessment No. 35	1,535.09	153.51
	Assessment No. 36	1,494.23	149.42
	Assessment No. 37	1,493.14	149.31
	Assessment No. 38	1,451.23	145.12
	Assessment No. 39	1,453.23	145.32
	Assessment No. 40 Passed		
	Assessment No. 41	1,268.45	126.85
	Assessment No. 42	1,368.46	136.84
	Assessment No. 43	1,980.00	198.00
	Assessment No. 44	1,962.00	196.20
	Assessment No. 45	1,433.00	143.30
	Assessment No. 46	1,439.91	143.99
	Assessment No. 47 Passed		
	Assessment No. 48	1,336.00	133.60
	Assessment No. 49	1,326.90	132.70
	Assenmment No. 50	1,410.09	141.01
Total		\$22,817.92	\$2,281.78

	DISBURSEMENTS	Mortuary Fund	General Fund
1926			
July 3—	Hendrix, Mrs. Flora E., death of W. A. Hendrix, V-No. 1	\$1,000.00	
	Fulp, Mrs. Lola, death of Chas W. Fulp, V-No. 2	1,000.00	
	9—Wade, Stacy W., premium on Gross receipts, V-No. 3		66.06
	21—Hicks, Mrs. Aline B., death of Lewis F. Hicks, V-No. 4	1,000.00	
Sept 20—	Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, salary to September 30, 1926, V-No. 5		37.50
	Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, salary to September 30, 1926		187.50
	Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, telegrams and postage, V-N. 7		16.53
	Mabry, Mrs. Nellie, L., death of Wil- liam A. Mabry, V-No. 8	1,000.00	
Oct. 1—	Boone, Chas. L., Executor, death of D. C. Loyd, V-No. 9	1,000.00	
	Goodwin, Mrs. J. W., death of J. W. Godwin, V-No. 10	1,000.00	
	9—Doster, Mrs. Elma, death of S. R. Doster, V-No. 11	1,000.00	
	30—Wachovie Bank & Trust Co., 5,000 Bonds, V-No. 12	5,080.83	
Nov 1—	Bringle, Mrs. Lela S., death of W. A. Bringle, V-No. 13	1,000.00	
	King, Mrs. Roxie L., death of Jno. L. King, V-No. 14	1,000.00	
Dec. 15—	Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, salary to December 31, 1926, V-No. 15		37.50
	Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, salary, postage, Tel. & Tel., etc, V-No. 16		203.25
	Pfohl, Mrs. Rubt Jenkins, death of W. S. Pfohl, V-No. 17	1,000.00	
	18—Davis, Mrs. Maude L. Ben., death of 1927 Wm. H. Lewellyn, V-No. 18	1,000.00	
Jan. 1—	Morgan, Mrs. C. A., mother, death of Paul L. Morgan, V-No. 19	1,000.00	
Feb. 5—	Wade, Stacy W., Insurance Commss- ioner, preminum on Gross Recepit V-No. 20		98.42
	14—Turner, Mrs. Ida Bell, death of Jas. L. Turner, V-No. 21	1,000.00	

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26—McNeill, Jas., and George, death Capt. Jas. D. McNeill, V-No. 22	1,000.00	
Mch. 12—Fetzer & Yorke Insurance Agency, premium, Secretary's Bond, V-No. 23		9.38
21—Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, salary to March 31, 1927, V-No. 24		37.50
Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, salary to March 31, 1927, V-No. 25		187.50
Mch. 21—Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, postage, telephone, etc., V. No. 26		24.15
Wade, Stacy, W., Insurance Commis- sioner, annual license, V-No. 27		25.00
Wade, Stacy W., Insurance Commis- sioner, annual fee, V-No. 28		10.00
Wade, Stacy, W., Insurance Commis- sioner, filing fee, V-No. 29		14.00
Wade, Stacy W., Insurance Commis- sioner, publication fee, V-No. 30		9.00
April 16—Speight, Mrs. Mary, death of Fred Speight, V-No. 31	1,000.00	
27—Florida National Bank Ex., death of R. E. Currier, V-No. 32	1,000.00	
June 15—Schnibben, Chas., Treasurer, salary to June 30, 1927, V-No. 33		37.50
Miller, Jno. L., Ssecretary, salary to June 30, 1927, V-No. 34		187.50
Wachovie Bank & Trust Co., Ex., death of Chas. E. Tesh, V-No. 35	1,000.00	
Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, telephones, Stamps, etc., V-No. 36		18.27
Total disbursements	\$22,080.83	\$1,206.56

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. L. MILLER, Secretary.

The President:

What is your pleasure with reference to the Secretary's Report?

Motion to accept the report.

The President:

The proper steps, I think, is to refer this Report to the Auditing Committee.

Motion to refer report to the Auditing Committee.

Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

The Secretary:

Mr. President: Just one thing I omitted. I forgot to report to you the report from the different treasurers of the local Firemen's Relief Fund in the towns and villages throughout the State. Here it is. I think these reports ought to be referred to the Auditing Committee to check up and see if there are any of them violating the law. If they are, the Association ought to know it. I do not say they have been, but I think they ought to be scrutinized by the Auditing Committee. I am offering now this as a report from the trust treasurers of the local relief funds of the State.

The President:

If there is no objection I am going to refer it, along with the Secretary's Report, to the auditing Committee.

It is moved and seconded that the report be referred to the Auditing Committee. Motion carried.

The President:

The next report is the Report of the Treasurer.

Motion to read only the totals. Motion seconded and carried. Only the totals read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

Gentlemen:

I herewith transmit to you my annual report as your Treasurer for the fiscal years ending June 30th 1927.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Aug. 16th 1926	Balance on hand	\$6,808.81
Oct. 1st 1926	Murchison National Bank, Savings Account Ins.	49.25
Jan. 1st 1927	Carolina Building & Loan Association, paid up stock interest	287.50
Jan. 1st 1927	Rocky Mount Insurance Realty Co., Bonds In.	75.00

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Jan. 10th 1927	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
May 9th 1927	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	500.00
May 9th 1927	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, E. V. L. Church Bonds interest	75.00
July 1st 1927	Carolina Building & Loan Association, paid up stock interest	287.50
July 12th 1927	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	356.00
July 14th 1927	Stacy W. Wade, Insurance Commis- sioner, Firemen's Relief Fund Tax	1,960.50
July 14th 1927	Transferred from R. F. Fund Treas- urer's salary	200.00
July 14th 1927	Transferred from R. F. Fund Print- ing Minutes 1926 Conference	264.00
		\$11,863.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Voucher			
1926	No.		
Aug. 25	1	Jno. C. Farrar, Treasurer Colored Fire- men's Association	\$ 294.56
Aug. 18	2	Chas. W. Styron, Chief Fire Department, Morehead City	500.00
Aug. 24	3	J. C. Kessler, Chairman Auditing Commit- tee	15.00
Aug. 24	4	F. J. Beasley, member Auditing Committee	15.00
Aug. 24	5	J. B. Flora, member Auditing Committee ..	15.00
Aug. 28	6	Chief Chas. W. Styron	34.91
Aug. 28	7	A. L. Duckett, Vice President	53.00
Aug. 28	8	A. B. Horney	60.80
Aug. 28	9	L. F. Honeycutt	58.56
Sept. 2	19	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	67.89
Sept. 2	11	Lord & Meares	25.00
Sept. 2	12	Miss Hilda Jacobs, Stenographer	88.75
Sept. 7	13	Chas. C. Harris, Statistician	70.91
Sept. 23	14	A. B. Horney, Ex-President	31.25
Sept. 23	15	A. L. Duckett, ex-President	31.25
Sept. 23	16	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	50.00
Sept. 23	17	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	187.50
Sept. 23	18	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	63.96
Sept. 30	19	Kidd-Frix Music & Stationery Co.	74.13
Nov. 4	20	Edwards & Broughton, printing	655.40
Nov. 15	21	Dawson Jewelry Store	614.62
Oct. 14	22	Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.	2,505.40

PROCEEDINGS NORTH CAROLINA

Nov. 4 23	R. C. Whitley, Vice President	25.30
Nov. 4 24	Chas. C. Harris, Statistician	27.29
Nov. 4 25	J. B. Flora, Advisory	29.25
Nov. 4 26	A. L. Duckett, President	24.64
Oct. 25 27	Rocky Mount Insurance Realty Co.	2,556.67
Dec. 15 28	A. L. Duckett, President	62.50
Dec. 15 29	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	50.00
Dec. 15 30	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	187.50
Dec. 15 31	Snyder Printing Company	16.50
1927		
Jan. 7 32	Snyder Printing Company	264.00
Jan. 26 33	A. L. Duckett, President	69.10
Mar. 8 34	Sherwood Brockwell	25.00
Mar. 8 35	Johnson, "Florist", High Point	40.75
Mar. 8 36	R. C. Whitley, Vice President	51.89
Mar. 9 37	Snyder Printing Company	6.00
Mar. 27 33	A. L. Duckett, President	62.50
Mar. 27 30	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	50.00
Mar. 27 40	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	187.50
Mar. 27 41	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	87.13
Mar. 27 42	Chas. C. Harris, Statistician	24.59
Mar. 27 43	A. L. Duckett, President	57.24
June 9 44	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	76.19
June 9 45	Snyder Printing Company	5.50
June 23 46	A. B. Horney	5.40
June 23 47	A. L. Duckett, President	62.50
June 23 48	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	50.00
June 23 49	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	187.50
June 23 50	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	31.20
June 23 51	A. L. Duckett, President	24.57
July 9 52	Snyder Printing Company	7.50
		\$9,868.60
Cash balance on hand		\$1,994.96
Security Bond to credit of above fund		5,000.00
Total balance		\$6,994.96

STATE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

RECEIPTS

Aug. 16 1926	Balance on hand	\$10,348.32
Sept. 26 1926	B. R. Lacy, State Treasure, annual appropriation	1,875.00
		\$12,223.32

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DISBURSEMENTS

Voucher			
1926	No.		
Sept. 2	1	Lord & Meares	31.25
Sept. 7	2	G. R. Kluttz, Spencer	16.00
Sept. 14	3	B. R. Brandon, East Spencer	48.00
Dec. 15	4	W. L. Rusher	8.00
1927			
Mar. 8	5	G. R. Dodd, Belhaven	104.00
May 2	6	B. C. Walker, Statesville	60.00
May 14	7	M. H. Cress, Kannapolis	20.00
July 14	8	Transferred to General Fund, Treasurer's Salary	200.00
July 14	9	Transferred to General Fund, Printing Minutes 1926 Convention	264.00
Total Disbursements			751.25
Balance on hand			\$11,472.07

Respectfully submitted

CHAS, SCHINBBEN, Treasurer.

FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S
ASSOCIATION

1926			
Aug. 16		Cash balance on hand	\$ 8,105.89
Aug. 14		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	2,000.00
Sept. 20		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Oct. 1		Murchison National Bank, Interest	68.96
Oct. 4		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Oct. 9		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Nov. 1		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Nov. 16		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Nov. 21		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Dec. 7		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Dec. 20		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Dec. 27		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
1927			
Jan. 1		Murchison National Bank, Interest	1.96
Jan. 12		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	930.00
Feb. 16		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, ...	2,000.00
Jan. 10		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Interest on bonds	300.00
Mar. 1		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Mar. 21		Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00

Apr. 1	Murchison National Bank, Interest	24.86
Apr. 6	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
Apr. 18	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
May 9	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Interest	90.00
May 23	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
June 15	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	2,000.00
June 21	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,000.00
July 1	Murchison National Bank, Interest	52.33
July 12	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	879.03
July 12	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Interest on bonds	210.00
July 12	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Interest on bond	9.32
		\$31,672.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Voucher			
1926	No.		
July 18	1	Mrs. Flora E. Hendrix, Greensboro, N. C. \$	1,000.00
July 18	2	Mrs. Lola Fulp, Statesville, N. C.	1,000.00
Aug. 21	4	Mrs. Aline B. Hicks, Raleigh, N. C.	1,000.00
Sept. 23	8	Mrs. Nellie McCrey, Raleigh, N. C.	1,000.00
Oct. 9	9	Chas. R. Boone, Executor of the estate of D. C. Lloyd, Raleigh, N. C.	1,000.00
Sept. 23	10	Mrs. J. W. Godwin, Greenville, N. C.	1,000.00
Oct. 12	11	Mrs. Alma Doster, Monroe	1,000.00
Oct. 14	12	Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., for bonds	5,080.83
Nov. 4	13	Mrs. Lela S. Bringle, Salisbury, N. C.	1,000.00
Nov. 4	14	Mrs. Roxie A. King, Greensboro, N. C.	1,000.00
Dec. 17	17	Mrs. Ruby J. Pfohl, Winston-Salem, N. C.	1,000.00
Dec. 23	18	Mrs. Maude L. Davis, Durham, N. C.	1,000.00
1927			
Jan. 13	19	Mrs. C. A. Morgan, Raleigh, N. C.	1,000.00
Feb. 12	21	Mrs. Ida Bell Turner, Sanford, N. C.	1,000.00
Mar. 22	22	James S. and George McNeil, Executors of James D. McNeill, Fayetteville, N. C.	1,000.00
Apr. 1	31	Mrs. Mary Spught, Greenville	1,000.00
June 7	32	The Florida National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., Executor Estate of R. E. Currier, Black Mountain	1,000.00
June 12	35	Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Executor of Chas. E. Tesh, Winston-Salem, N. C.	1,000.00
			\$22,080.83
Cash balance on hand			\$ 9,591.52
Security bonds to the credit of above fund			10,000.00

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Total balance\$19,591.52

General Expense Fund—Firemen's Fraternal Insurance

RECEIPTS

Aug. 16 1926	Balance on hand	\$1,219.31
July 12 1927	Received from Jno. L. Miller, Eecretary	2,290.67
Total		<u>\$3,509.98</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Voucher			
1926	No.		
Aug. 20	3	Stacy W. Wade, Ins. Commissioner	\$ 66.06
Sept. 23	5	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	37.50
Sept. 23	6	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	187.50
Sept. 23	7	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	17.53
Dec. 15	15	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	37.50
Dec. 15	16	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	203.25
1927			
Feb. 8	20	Stacy W. Wade, Ins. Commissioner	98.42
Mar. 16	23	Wetzer & Yorke, Insurance Agency	9.38
Mar. 21	24	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	37.50
Mar. 21	25	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	187.50
Mar. 21	26	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	24.15
Mar. 18	27	Stacy W. Wade, Ins. Commissioner	25.00
Mar. 18	28	Stacy W. Wade, Ins. Commissioner	10.00
Mar. 18	29	Stacy W. Wade, Ins. Commissioner	14.00
Mar. 18	30	Stacy W. Wade, Ins. Commissioner	9.00
June 22	33	Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer	37.50
June 22	34	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	187.50
June 22	36	Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	18.27
			<u>\$1,207.56</u>
Balance on hand			<u>\$2,302.42</u>

Respectfully submitted

CHAS. SCHNIBBEN, Treasurer.

August 23, 1927.

The President:

What is your pleasure with reference to the Treasurer's report?

Motion to refer report to the Auditing Committee. Motion seconded and carried.

The President:

The next is the Report of the Statistician, Mr. C. C. Harris.

It is moved and seconded that the report be read, omitting the figures. Motion carried.

Mr. President and Members of the

North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

In submitting to the Association my report as Statistician for the year 1926, I desire to call to the attention of the Association a few facts revealed by this report.

I am happy to report that the fire losses in North Carolina covering the year of 1926 amounted to \$6,649,032.00 as compared with the total of \$6,914,004.00 for the year 1925, a decrease of \$264,982.00, or a little more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The figures for the first six months period show an increase over the previous year's six months was so great that it was feared a record-breaking year's casualty.

The loss as a total was \$4,192,500, but the last six months, despite over a million dollars loss in November, the total aggregated \$2,456,532.00, bringing in one of its best records, a decrease of over a quarter of a million dollars for the year 1926.

The fire loss in the nation last year was approximated to have been \$361,945,000.00, or nine million dollars below that of 1925. So it looks as though we are really getting somewhere with fire prevention, especially in view of the fact of the vast amount of building and increase of values adding greatly to the fire risk by new inventions, extensions and addition to fire tempting utilities.

It is estimated that over 7 billion dollars were invested last year in buildings alone, of which at least 150 million dollars were in North Carolina. So you can see that a very great improvement was noted, especially in our state.

Respectively submitted,

CHAS. C. HARRIS

Statistician

REVIEW OF FIRE WASTE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR 1926.

TABLE NO 1		City & Towns			Rural & Suburban			Single Fires, 5,000 and over			Rural & Suburban		
		No Fires	Total Loss on Prop.	No Fires	Loss On Property	No Fires	Loss On Property	No Fires	Total Loss	No Fires	Loss	No Fires	Loss
January	268	\$ 768,725	233	\$ 666,743	35	\$ 101,882	24	\$ 526,826	17	\$ 461,226	7	\$ 68,600	
February	216	783,544	191	645,879	25	49,055	23	607,887	20	581,447	3	26,440	
March	250	830,990	203	361,621	47	469,369	28	734,736	15	312,736	13	422,000	
April	299	1,056,330	260	917,775	39	138,555	31	934,157	24	833,857	7	100,000	
May	231	476,950	184	265,332	47	211,618	24	391,709	17	205,825	7	189,884	
June	154	275,961	142	186,311	12	89,650	18	207,419	11	126,419	7	81,000	
1st	1,418	4,192,500	1,213	3,043,661	205	1,060,229	148	3,405,754	104	2,521,510	44	908,024	
July	143	178,225	121	137,495	22	40,730	12	112,058	10	98,663	2	13,995	
August	104	188,762	83	116,277	21	72,485	7	123,943	5	96,943	2	27,000	
September	120	179,574	101	103,056	28	76,518	9	85,825	4	33,325	5	52,500	
October	170	420,782	139	237,457	31	183,225	12	298,500	7	153,000	5	145,500	
November	229	1,034,770	195	878,445	34	156,325	26	909,080	17	785,880	9	123,200	
December	243	454,519	210	379,389	33	75,130	15	303,710	12	268,410	3	35,300	
2nd	1,018	2,456,532	849	1,852,119	169	604,413	79	1,732,206	55	1,436,221	26	397,495	
Totals	2,436	6,649,032	2,062	4895,780	374	1,664,642	227	5,137,940	159	3,957,731	70	1,205,519	
1925	2,401	6,914,014	1,972	5,168,759	429	1,745,255	205	5,384,274	---	---	---	---	
1924	2,321	5,320,293	2,116	4,171,459	305	1,148,834	208	3,840,814	---	---	---	---	
1923	1,846	7,212,342	1,493	7,086,095	78	1,058,626	191	6,057,824	---	---	---	---	
1922	1,771	8,144,721	---	---	---	---	154	6,810,974	---	---	---	---	

REVIEW OF DWELLING FIRES IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR 1926.

Table No. 2	Cities and Towns					Rural and Suburban			
	No. of Fires	Loss on Property	No. of Dwellings	No. of Fires	Loss on Property	No. of Dwellings	No. of Fires	Loss on Property	No. of Dwell
January	126	139,234	130	114	\$ 58,634	117	12	80,600	13
February	133	108,755	141	120	90,551	128	13	18,204	13
March	167	205,277	172	139	121,668	143	28	83,509	29
April	159	119,672	165	142	80,852	147	17	29,820	18
May	115	66,640	121	94	47,440	98	21	19,200	23
June	50	53,784	56	46	37,384	51	4	16,400	5
July	54	24,703	56	47	18,603	49	7	16,100	7
August	40	34,703	41	35	25,603	36	5	5,850	5
September	58	82,189	60	52	49,389	54	6	32,800	6
October	92	80,771	98	78	46,476	84	14	34,025	14
November	132	170,611	136	112	109,786	115	20	60,825	21
December	142	110,317	154	123	85,037	135	19	25,280	19
Totals	1,268	1,196,612	1,330	1,102	780,693	1,157	166	422,613	173
1925	1,341	995,099	1,439	1,158	628,769	1,204	183	366,330	235
1924	1,313	1,582,178	-----	1,151	922,358	-----	162	659,820	---
1923	1,206	1,029,928	-----	1,023	660,867	-----	183	369,061	---
All Other Fires									
1926	1,168	5,452,420							
1925	1,060	5,917,915							
1924	1,016	4,115,796							
1923	1,172	6,153,716							

Fire Loss for 1926 in North Carolina and 14 of her Important Cities

Table No. 3	No. Fires	Total Loss Property	\$5,000 and Over Single Fires				Dwelling Fires	
			Per Capita Loss	Number	Loss	No. of Fires	Total Loss	No. of Dwellings
Winston-Salem	247	\$ 178,304	\$ 2.45	2	\$ 100,500	123	\$ 38,385	135
Charlotte	286	539,300	7.50	12	434,364	172	64,481	172
Greensboro	46	306,853	5.83	6	267,320	34	28,025	41
Durham	77	178,408	3.91	7	135,495	50	41,236	58
Asheville	120	43,881	.94	1	17,300	83	12,773	83
Wilmington	182	157,138	3.70	8	95,530	127	30,815	131
Raleigh	135	420,637	11.44	3	363,000	66	56,475	69
High Point	40	32,847	1.20	4	37,200	21	5,553	21
Salisbury	36	24,222	.80			21	15,292	21
Gastonia	52	79,025	3.40	3	33,300	30	20,485	30
Rocky Mount	27	57,665	3.17	1	45,000	14	9,845	14
Goldsboro	68	105,646	5.80	4	49,525	29	22,920	34
Wilson	36	38,192	2.39	2	25,500	17	12,470	18
New Berne	26	48,890	3.67	3	27,000	13	7,637	15
Totals	1,378	2,111,008	*4.01	56	1,631,304	890	366,392	842
All fires in State	1,058	4,538,031	*1.95	171	3,506,906	468	830,220	488
Grand Totals	2,436	6,649,039	*2.98	227	5,137,940	1,268	1,196,612	1,330

* Average Per Capita

Summery of the \$5,000.00 and Over Single Fires for 1926.—Contents Included With Building

Table No. 4	1926		1925	
	No. of Fires	Total Loss of Property	No. of Fires	Total Loss of Property
Dwellings	60	\$ 490,860	40	\$ 457,330
Stores	33	863,841	28	615,475
Warehouses	15	216,225	13	587,865
Business buildings	14	447,619	5	168,943
Industrial plants	14	603,300	12	694,285
Lumber plants	12	414,800	6	333,401
Feed barns and livestock	11	85,150	2	18,000
Business blocks	8	353,517	13	485,097
Garages	8	98,198	10	376,500
Schools	5	88,400	13	339,051
Ginneries	5	68,475	4	137,000
Hotels	5	228,025	5	108,503
Flour mills	5	56,833	3	55,000
State buildings	5	492,419	—	—
Tobacco Sales Warehouses	3	76,565	2	131,000
Hospitals	2	323,000	2	17,500
Churches	2	18,000	5	227,188
Boats	2	20,000	1	20,800
Country Clubs	2	17,100	—	—
Service stations	2	11,250	2	34,000
Tobacco packhouses	2	13,000	—	—
Printing plants	2	115,000	1	15,500
Totals	217	\$5,018,577	176	\$4,822,438
Miscellaneous	10	119,363	31	719,449
Grand Totals	227	5,137,940	207	5,541,887
All Other Fires	2,209	1512,092	2,294	1,372,127
Aggregate Totals	2,436	6,649,032	2,401	6,914,014

It is moved and seconded that the Report be adopted and printed in the minutes of the proceedings.

The Secretary:

Mr. President: At an executive Committee meeting immediately after the funeral of Captain McNeil, which was attended by the executive officers of your organization, a resolution was passed authorizing Chief Duckett and others to prepare and have presented at the proper time resolution of respect on Captain McNeil's death. I would like to have him present that now.

The President:

If there is no objection I will present this resolution at this time. There is no objection and the resolution is read.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS: James D. McNeil, who died at his home, Fayetteville, N.C., February 9, 1927, and who was one of the charter members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, which was organized in 1888, and was elected president of the organization in 1894, serving continuously for 25 years, and at the expiration of his long service as president of this association was elected president emeritus for meritorious service, should be forever remembered as one of the outstanding and heroic figures in the protective interests and progressive activities of North Carolina.

AND WHEREAS: James D. McNeil, a pioneer figure in the fire organizations of the State and an active participant in every cause dealing with the safe-guarding of public and private property for over a quarter of a century, who also served his native State and fellowmen in the North Carolina General Assembly and as mayor of his home city, Fayetteville, in addition to his many other duties in behalf of the citizens of the State, spending but little of his time with personal interests, should be placed in both the metal and tangible halls of fame of this association and recognized by the North Carolina public in general as one of the pioneer leaders in the conservation and development of the properties of the State.

AND WHEREAS: The illustrious fireman, worthy citizen and valued statesman, all of which were embodied in Mr. McNeill, who will forever walk in spirit before the citizens of the State and be a figure of personal interest and universal praise, should be es-

pecially remembered and cited for his many achievements by the North Carolina State Fireman's association.

AND WHEREAS: This beloved citizen, co-worker, friend of man and the public of North Carolina, and recognized benefactor of the entire State, who never missed a meeting of the North Carolina State Fireman's association from the date of its organization until the time of his death, should be remembered, in every phase of his career, as the ideal of members of the organization and the symbolic goal of every good and serviceable man's ambition, especially in the service of his fellowman in the property protection of the State of North Carolina.

AND WHEREAS: Since the truck, which was presented the North Carolina State Fireman's association by Mr. P. O. Hebert, of Atlanta, Ga., in 1926, to be used in the tournaments and conventions of the association, and which was named the James D. McNeill truck, now in the possession of the association, and which bore the body of Mr. McNeill to his grave in a gesture of sentiment embodying the whole of the organization, and, since at this ceremony there were representatives from all sections of the state to pay homage to a departed friend and leader, this association should recognize still further evidence of the loving esteem and honored admiration in which Mr. McNeill was held.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this association go on record as recognizing this sterling character and pioneer fireman of the State of North Carolina, this noble citizen and valuable statesman, and approve the suggestions of the committee in commemorating our departed brother and co-worker in the highest possible measure of regard that this association may be able to impart in this manner of organized expression.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution measure be mailed the daily papers of the State, to any other paper that the members deem appropriate, to any other association or organization organ that may care for a copy, and also to members of the immediate family of James D. McNeill, and, that a copy of the resolutions be filed permanently with the records of the North Carolina State Fireman's association.

Mr. Foster:

Mr. Chairman: Will you permit me to say something? While you were reading that a thought came into my head. In the convention just ended in Portland they unveiled a monument to Chief Palmer of Portland, Oregon, as a recognition of his service. Not

only was Chief McNeill, Captain McNeill a fireman, but he held an honored position in the Halls of your Legislature, and that resolution ought to be put in a bronze tablet and set in the corridors or your House of Legislature, as one of the pioneer leaders of the State of North Carolina. I think that ought to be done in his memory and as an ideal to the younger generation, and as a moral to everybody who visits that State House and sees that bronze tablet in its corridors. It would make a lasting impression upon the citizens of your State, and I think it could be easily accomplished; I think by reason of the fact that he held a seat in that House of Legislation that he is entitled to have this done; that a memory slab ought to be put somewhere in the State Capitol. I just got this thought as I heard the resolution read.

The President:

The Chair would like to recognize at this time a man who has been connected with this Association and President McNeill for many years—Uncle Press Harper. Mr. Harper, come around and say just a word.

Mr. Harper:

Mr. President, and Brother Firemen: It is very hard for me to get around; I don't see very well. Listening to the reading of those resolutions in behalf of my old friend filled my old heart too full; I can't talk; I can't express my feelings today; I wish I could. It was more than twelve months ago at an eastern Carolina Firemen's Association of the little town of Williamston, where the President of that little association lived, and he happened to be a newspaper man, and he quoted me as saying in this convention,—Speaking of the great work our old friend, Captain McNeill had done in the State of North Carolina in the way of protecting lives and property,—that I stated that night that as little as the State firemen, the State Firemen's Association could do when that old man was laid to rest, was to erect a monument to his memory in his home town, Fayetteville, and I feel and I know that that is going to be done. As long as my old heart still beats in my bosom I shall raise my feeble voice and my strength toward helping some plan whereby it may be done. I trust that I will not be too feeble to attend the unveiling of that monument that is going to be built by the State Firemen of North Carolina, because I know of what they are all composed; that this whole body of men standing here before us today, sitting here in the audience listening to my voice, listening to my feeble voice,—I know that they are men of character; men of a high sense of honor, and that they are going to do this; it is their duty to do it, and nothing more than their duty to do it, and they are going to do it. And, boys, I trust I may not

be too blind to get there; and I know if I am I have got friends that will take me there, and I am going to be with you if I am able. It is going to be done, and it isn't going to be long, because the young blood of this association is going to see that it is done. We old fellows can't do much of it; our earning capacity and our strength is almost gone. I know I cannot do much, but, gentlemen, I want to see you do it.

Member From Kinston:

We stand ready to do our part.

Mr. Brockwell:

I have never listened to anything in my life that had a greater heart beat in it than what that feeble fireman has just said to you right now. God knows I am proud that I am a North Carolina fireman; but never in my life have I been so proud of it as on the 10th day of last February when firemen from all over the State of North Carolina stood in that grave and tried to sing "Nearer My God to Thee," and as the fire alarm of Fayetteville tolled over the remains of that man who spent more of his life in this Association, gave more to the Association than he ever gave to this State, his family or to the General Assembly of North Carolina. When the last sad remains of that great man were lowered down into that grave I held up both hands and I said, "God, I am glad I am living to see this State of North Carolina, representatives from every corner of it here to do homage at the last final rites of this great fireman, Captain James D. McNeill."

Now, gentlemen, there is an old adage, which is as true as any adage found in any literature of any nation, which is: "The circus buries its dead." The challenge is out to every red blooded fireman in North Carolina; not only Kinston, which our good friend has mentioned, but to every fireman in North Carolina. Firemen, will you bury your dead? That is the challenge. And before this Association leaves here today I want a motion to be made by some of us that the President of this Association appoint a committee with power to act, which will see to it that the North Carolina Firemen's Association erect an indestructible monument to the memory of the greatest fireman who has ever lived amongst us. I thank you.

The President:

The Chair will recognize President Wood.

Mr. Wood:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I want to say I would like to answer that memorial as prepared by that committee. I am perfectly satisfied to take the position I now take. I claim the right to address this body on this motion. It was my misunderstanding and my privilege to work for, with and against James D. McNeill, the greatest fireman, not only in North Carolina, but elsewhere; not only the greatest fireman that North Carolina has ever produced, but the greatest civilian fireman I think the world has ever produced. We have a heritage that we should be proud of,—the privilege of honoring in cold stone or steel the memory of a man who had done more for the individual firemen of his native state than any other man; a man whose works and deeds have been copied by the states all over the Union far more than any other man who has arisen in the ranks of a fireman and a civilian. I want to insist, as Sherwood Brockwell has insisted, that we go on record today,—not in conversation, not in talk, but in acts, as firemen here organized, and as firemen are accustomed to,—of going on record that we will prepare not only a memorial for our Capitol at Raleigh, but a suitable monument to James D. McNeill to be erected at his home town in Fayetteville, that will enable us here to better realize the worth of this great man; that will be a symbol for us, the world and all posterity of the love, affection and esteem in which great fireman was held; a man that led us for 25 years, 25 consecutive years in the North Carolina fire fighting game. (Applause.)

Dr. Long (Graham):

Mr. President: I was with Brother Brockwell and many other friends at the funeral of Captain McNeill. I feel deeply the loss of this great man. I was deeply touched with the same feeling that Mr. Brockwell was, and I want to say that the organization that he started is the greatest organization existing in North Carolina today,—as it was in his day, and I want to see it live on; I want to see the greater leader,—I want to see his name kept before the people, in history. Of course this Executive Committee will put a picture in the Hall of History at Raleigh; I am not particular about what is done there; but the monument is what I want to see erected. You will remember what the late lamented Julian S. Carr said when talking to the Firemen of North Carolina, if he wanted a good night's rest he felt safe because of knowing that one good volunteer fire company was better than a machine gun company. I thought that was one of the greatest tributes to the North Carolina fireman I ever heard. I think if we can place a monument somewhere in the State, and also a picture in the Hall

of History at Raleigh, this should be done. It is our duty to do so, because we are going to live on, and we will want our posterity to have some idea of where we came from, what we have done, and what we are going to continue to do.

I thank you.

The President:

Gentlemen, are there any other remarks at this time? If not, what is your pleasure with reference to this resolution.

Motion that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote. Motion unanimously carried.

The President:

Gentlemen, last year at Morehead City the Convention down there appointed a committee to present to Mr. P. O. Herbert some token of appreciation for the many things that he had done for the Association, and more especially in appreciation of the truck that he gave them last year. I am going to ask Chief Horney at this time to make the report for that committee.

Mr. Horney:

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the State Firemen's Association: You who were present at Morehead City at the convention last year remember that we were presented with a fire truck of the standard type by Mr. P. O. Hebert, a truck, the American La Frnace. This truck was accepted by the Association, and I being President at that time, was asked to appoint a committee to get up some suitable memento to be presented to Mr. P. O. Hebert from this Association. I appointed as Chairman of that committee Captain James D. McNeill, and instructed him to appoint the other two members of that committee. This he did, by selecting President Duckett and myself, and we got our heads together and agreed on what we would give him, and instructed Captain McNeill to go ahead and have the work done. He got samples and prices of the work which we wanted done and came to my place and submitted them to me. Chief Duckett was invited to be there, but for some cause he could not do this. We agreed upon what we would do. Chief McNeill went back home and let the contract for the album or brochure to a firm in Raleigh who made the memento which I have here before me today on this table. We were to present it to Mr. P. O. Hebert in Atlanta on the 17th day of October, 1926, Chief Duckett and myself being enroute to New Orleans to the International Fire Chief's Association. Captain McNeill met us at that place. We met in the

reception hall of Mr. P. O. Hebert's office, with chiefs from Virginia, chiefs from South Carolina, chiefs from Florida, chiefs from Alabama, chiefs from Tennessee, and chiefs from Georgia. A lot of these had their wives and lady friends with them. We were all in that room and the presentation took place, of which I have a stenographic report, which I will give you at this time.

REPORTING A MEEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Held in Atlanta, Georgia, Sunday, October 17th, 1926. Presided Over by Mr. J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Chairman.

Mr. J. D. McNeill—

"Chief Haney, may I ask that you, Chief Cody and Chief Cummings bring Mr. Herbert into the room? Bring him before the Court, please."

Chief T. W. Haney—

"Mr. Chairman, in accordance with your request, I am producing Mr. Herbert, the 'Old Man'."

Mr. J. D. McNeill—

"My good friends, ladies and gentlemen:

At the last meeting of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, held in Morehead City in my State in August, the following Committee of three were appointed, consisting of President A. B. Horney of High Point, North Carolina, Chief A. L. Duckett of Asheville, North Carolina, and myself, as Dean of the organization. We were appointed and instructed to come to Atlanta today in order that we might show to the world, and to our friends in the Fire Service especially, the high regard and esteem which every fireman of the North Carolina State Firemen's fellow, 'Pat' Herbert.

And, indeed, it is a special favor to me, as spokesman, to extend to the visiting Fire Chiefs our fraternal greetings and to ask them to join with us in paying honor to him to whom honor is due.

Let me explain first why the Committee was appointed and why we are here today.

Thirty-eight years ago, the North Carolina State Firemen's

Association was organized in Greensboro, North Carolina, by a few neighboring volunteer departments. At that time there was not a paid Department in the State, all volunteers.

Our object was to promote good fellowship among the firemen of the State and to increase their efficiency as firemen. We felt that the volunteer service of the State would be improved by our organization; and from that day to this, my friends, the annual tournaments have been the chief athletic events in the State.

We have kept up these tournaments except during 1917, 1918, and 1919, when, during the World War, the time had come for every patriotic organization to devote its time and efforts to helping the Government win the war. During those years we eliminated the tournament features.

In 1919, however, conditions being back to normal, the younger, sporting element showed an intense desire to have the tournament feature restored and I, as president of the Association, pledge myself to bring it back.

The passing of the horse-drawn apparatus presented a problem, but I pledged the Convention that if they would meet in my town in 1920 I would get up a motor truck test that I believed would be satisfactory.

Picking a team from my own Department, I arranged a truck test, the first ever held in the world. These truck tests have proven so attractive that they are now the main feature of our annual gathering.

One of the requirements of the test, my friends, was that the City or Town in which we met had to furnish a truck for the test. The City also had to furnish a chauffeur and an official to ride with each team to see that every fellow had the same chance.

At the convention in 1925, the boys concluded that the time had come for us to own our own truck for these tests, and the Convention appointed a Committee to look into the matter and secure a Motor Fire Truck for the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

After full consideration and deliberation they decided on an American-LaFrance Motor Fire Truck, and had it at the Morehead City Convention for acceptance last year. The Committee recommended it and the Convention instructed that it be purchased at the contract price.

Whereupon this fine fellow, this whole-souled, big-hearted, gen-

erous-minded Pat Herbert, refused to accept any consideration for the truck, but presented it to the Association as a personal gift from himself as a personal testimonial expressive of the interest he has always felt in the thirty years he has been attending our meetings in the welfare of the future of the North Carolina Association.

Of course, this action of his swept the Convention off its feet and they gave him a rousing ovation and all kinds of votes of thanks.

But they felt, just as I felt, that that action of his deserved something more substantial than mere words, and they instructed President Horney to appoint me Chairman of a Special Committee to get up something that would express the real feelings of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and their high regard, friendship, gratitude and esteem; and to present same to him in his office in Atlanta today.

The first act of the Committee was to call into consultation that splendid specimen of Southern womanhood, known as the 'Old Maid in Atlanta,' Miss Winter.

We decided that we would secure, as far as we could, from the most reputable and best equipped printing and engraving establishments a brochure, booklet or autograph album, which would represent the reasons for our action and would carry upon its parchment pages the indelible autograph of every member of the Association.

It is a beautiful book, which represents the highest art in book bindery and lithography.

On its title page you will find the presentation—

Presented

to

P. O. Herbert

October Sixteenth

Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Six

with the seal of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association; and the coat of arms of the Herbert Family, consisting of the crossed sword, the Holy Bible and the Motto—Adsum Amicis.

On the first page you will find that this book is presented:

As evidence of the high esteem

of each individual member of

The North Carolina State Firemen's Association

This Brochure
is presented
to

P. O. Herbert

In recognition of his generous
nature and true spirit of
co-operation exemplified by
American LaFrance Motor Truck
to the Association

On its next page you will find a picture of our honored host.
On the next page you will find:

EXTRACT FROM PROCEEDINGS

Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association at Morehead City, August 16, 1926

The Committee appointed at the 1925 Convention, held at Asheville, consisting of W. H. Palmer, J. F. Honeycutt and J. L. Groom, to secure a suitable motor fire truck to be the property of the Association for use in all future contests at our annual Tournaments, reported that after full consideration they had contracted for a new Standard American LaFrance Combination Fire Truck, to be delivered at Morehead City at this meeting, for acceptance, and they recommend the purchase of same at the price agreed upon; whereupon Mr. P. O. Herbert, desiring to express his personal appreciation of the many courtesies that had been extended to him by the Association and the governing authorities of the towns and cities of the State, asked the privilege of personally presenting the truck to the Association as a testimonial of his high regard, friendship and fraternal interest in the future welfare of the State Association and its members.

This splendid, valuable, generous, and most magnificent gift, so graciously given, was thereupon accepted by the Convention with an ovation and rising vote, with many expressions of thanks and gratitude.

President Horney was then instructed to appoint Capt. Jas. D. McNeill, President Emeritus, as Chairman of a committee with the privilege of adding two assistants, to secure a suitable and substantial testimonial for Mr. Herbert as a further expression of their thanks and gratitude.

Next you will find a handsome picture of the truck itself as it stands today in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Then follows a list of the officials of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association from its beginning in 1888.

Then, my friends, follow thirty-six pages of vellum of the same everlasting texture as the parchment of the original manuscript of Holy Writ; and upon these thirty-six pages we propose to have the personal autograph of every member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

We felt that a gift of this kind, unique in design, beautiful in appearance and everlasting in its material, would more fully express our real friendship and be more valuable to him than any gift of gold or silver.

And my conferees have agreed with me and we are also going to ask every visiting Fire Chief here today to sign this book.

Therefore, my friend Herbert, this book is presented to you from the North Carolina State Firemen's Association as a testimonial of their high regard, fraternal love and gratitude, friendship and esteem."

Response by Mr. P. O. Herbert

"Comrades—Ladies and Gentlemen:

You fully appreciate and understand that the honor that I have thus unexpectedly received was expressive of the fortune of friendship that spells all worth while in life from the beginning to the end.

When you have reached the stage of Life's existence, after a stewardship of unbroken faith and confidence in the spirit of manhood, as created by the Great Creator, and the sun is going down beyond the horizon and the Book is written in earthly cast in the mercy and charity of man, guided into the Great Beyond by the hand of woman, there wells up on my bosom today, removed from heart, hands and feet, the heart-felt, soulful, intimate, refined feelings that go beyond human ken into the expressions of adoration of fortunate friendship.

Glancing back over the vista of the past into the last glory and into the Great Beyond where we all will eventually find our peace and happiness together, I feel that today is the crowning page of my life's endeavors, stimulated and inspired by my co-workers in the Cause; but feeling today the loss of one who has stood next to me for twenty-two years, who is in the hospital today but is here in heart and in every wish of cheering echo.

You gentlemen and the 'old boys'—ever upward and onward—Excelsior! and beyond that we may reach the haven port.

When I was a young and unsophisticated youth, looking into

history, I met this young gentleman, '73 years ago, allegorically speaking', and he fired me with a fervor and a zeal that invented happiness, prosperity, association and realization.

As I look over the book today, of which this is emblematic, in alchemy blaze. Demon Fire, Fire, Fire is the menace that absolutely destroys substance in vandalism and an eternity threat.

Gentlemen, I want to thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart for the kindness extended me today and for the token for those of me that follow. On the other hand, I feel honored and complimented with having had an opportunity to present to you gentlemen the tournament automobile as a representative of my esteem.

May the sentiment that you gentlemen have so beautifully created on this beautiful Sabbath morning endure forever and beyond.

I thank you, ladies and gentlemen."

(Applause)

Mr. Jas. D. McNeill—

"And now, my dear sir, fully realizing as we do that the gift you presented the North Carolina State Firemen's Associations represented the very highest perfection of workmanship and design in a piece of fire apparatus, the Committee also felt that it was their duty to present to you an added testimonial of the affection and esteem of the Association.

We turned to the jeweler's art and found the Gruen Guild, by whom the making of fine watches has come down as an heritage from father to son for fifty years, and we secured the most perfect specimen of a watch that is manufactured today.

This watch is the very essence of perfection of the jeweler's art; of purest gold with twenty-three jewels and diamonds, and is an exact counterpart and companion watch to the ones presented to President Harding, General Pershing, John W. Davis, Admiral Benson and other big men who have made themselves prominent in our public life.

We felt and still feel that Pat Herbert is just as big a man as any of them, and is entitled to the highest honors in the land.

(Applause)

At the suggestion of that splendid woman, Miss Winter, we selected this beautiful chain and fob and upon it you will find engraved your family crest—the crossed swords, the Holy Bible and the Motto, *Adsum Amicis*—and on the back the engraving—'From the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

We ask you to accept this beautiful gift from us, and may it tick away the minutes, the hours, the days, the weeks, the months, and the many, many, many years of happiness and prosperity to you and to all whom you love and to all who love you.

Accept this added gift as a testimonial of love from the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

(Applause)

Response by Mr. P. O. Herbert.

"Gentlemen:

There is a familiar slogan—Tempus fugit—meaning time flies.

Intimately associated with the celebrated saying—e pluribus unum—one out of many.

When it comes to an expression of real chemical analysis, gold is the symbol of the highest of the elements. When it comes to life and endeavor, time is the element that makes and mars and ruins.

I am delighted to feel and know of this expression of appreciation of my good friends, who, in their charitable works of commendation and action, have given me this watch with the old family crest that has grown dusty in the lull of modern life—the motto, *adsum amicis*—the greatest service that I may render—'ever present to my friends'; the Holy Bible for guidance; the crossed swords for preservation.

And if I have lived the religion of feeling towards my friends, companions, and associated co-workers, and as it ticks away I will consider it a privilege and an honor to clasp this watch in my hands as the last moment ticks away and say 'God glory to those that have gone before me and no falter to those that follow'.

I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for the inspiration, and hope that time will deal kindly with you as it has dealt charitably with me."

(Applause)

Mr. Horney:

I would like to make a motion that this stenographic report be accepted and spread on the minutes and become a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Motion seconded.

The President:

It has been moved and seconded that the stenographic report

here be accepted by the convention and become a part of the minutes of this convention. Any discussion?

Motion carried.

The President:

Chief Shaw has something to say to the convention at this time.

Mr. Shaw:

What I have to say is in regard to this parade which is now forming, getting ready to start. Immediately after this meeting, my friends, we want all of you, those who can, to take part in the parade. We want you to go down to the Central Fire Station. We have cars there for the chiefs to ride in, and also the State officers. So all those gentlemen who wish to take part in the parade just go down there. The parade is going to start around four o'clock. This is going to be a mighty nice parade. Some will wish to walk. We have got a reel and we have got a lot of horse drawn vehicles. We want just as many as can to take part in this parade. We want to show Greensboro what the North Carolina firemen are, what they are made out of, and we want to make as great a show as possible. Now, just go right down to the Central Fire Station, we will be ready to start right at four o'clock.

(Applause and yells of "Oh Shaw!")

The President:

Before we adjourn there is one matter that you probably overlooked right here in the last minute. In the President's report it was suggested that something be done with reference to a monument or something to Captain McNeill. Nearly every man who has talked on the floor here this afternoon has suggested something. Now, the Chair would like to entertain a motion at this time.

Motion that the Chair appoint a committee.

Mr. Wood:

I move that the Chair appoint a committee to take it up in the regular way, in the regular manner, for subscriptions for the erection of the monument.

Mr. Brockwell:

Make it so that the committee has power to act in that regard.

Mr. Schnibben:

I would suggest that a committee be appointed from each department of the State, from each city of the State, to solicit funds from their departments for a monument to Captain McNeill, and that these committees report to a committee appointed by the Chair, or to the Executive Committee, whichever you wish, and to go ahead with the erection of the monument whenever reasonable funds have been secured.

Mr. J. J. Stone:

I did not speak on the report on my friend, the late Captain James D. McNeill; I could not. There are few men in the house who have known him or worked with him longer than I have. I think it is a wonderful thing for this organization to provide for and have a suitable monument placed over his remains, and I want to make the first subscription to that fund. I am willing to make it in any size sufficient to do the thing right. I think that is settled on, what is to be done, and why the subscriptions will be forthcoming, and as I have just said, I want to head the subscription list with whatever sum is necessary to make this monument something worth while.

The President:

That is fine.

Mr. Foster.

I wish to say I hope this is not going to be confined to North Carolina. We in Virginia thought as much of this noble character as you did. We thought so much of him that when we held the International Association of Fire Chiefs Convention in our State we gave him an honored position. I wish to say that Virginia wishes to offer its pittance in erecting this tablet or monument or whatever offer you make. We do not want you to confine it to the State of North Carolina. There is no boundary line between our two States. We love each other. Seven-eighths of my department are boys of North Carolina. I do not want you to feel that the money matters, but the heart feeling that we have for this wonderful character. I had the pleasure of being entertained in Atlanta by this gracious man who has passed on. I think he was one of the greatest characters in the history of this Nation; a man who was loved best; a man who led one of the greatest business organizations ever founded in any community

I trust you will let us help.

Mr. Flora:

I make a motion to appoint a committee of three or more men to ask for subscriptions to erect a suitable memorial to Captain James D. McNeill, with power to act.

The President:

You have heard the motion, is there any discussion?

Mr. Wade:

It seems to me this committee ought to decide on some form of monument, something suitable, and that it should be submitted to the Executive Committee of this Association. Now you go and invest all this power in three men. The officers of this Association have ideas of their own regarding Mr. McNeill. It seems to me this committee of three, or whoever is appointed, should look into this very carefully and their report should be submitted to the Executive Committee again, say in December, in the City of Raleigh or at some other point. It seems to me, from my idea of the matter, that it should be done in a business like way; that the monument should be selected with care, and that something appropriate should be secured. We want a monument to stand for all time to come, because the citizenship of North Carolina, not only the firemen, but the citizenship of the State went to see that it is done right. That is all I want to see done.

The President:

Any other discussions?

Mr. Cox:

Mr. President: In your suggestion relative to soliciting funds from the several departments, it was my idea that in the appointment of this committee, that they should arrive at some decision as to what amount of money should be raised or subscribed for. Upon notification from you our department, the several departments of the State, will have no basis on which to work, but if we know what amount is to be raised we will go ahead and raise our part. I think we can more readily raise the fund if we know what we are working at.

Mr. Brockwell:

Mr. Flora's motion takes in all that; then Mr. Wade's suggestion, Mr. Wade's amendment, that this committee be appointed with power to act through the Executive Committee. If the Association comes into it and tries to arrange the details we will never get anywhere. The point is for these men, this committee to look into the details, they are to look into the details, and if Mr. Wade's amendment is carried, report back to the Executive Committee, and we can get it through in a short length of time, a shorter length of time than if we were to undertake to secure the funds on the floor of the convention.

Mr. Anderson: (Pine Bluff)

We can't hear anything that is said back here. I can't understand you. Is there any definite place decided on to put the memorial?

The President:

Not so far, no.

The President:

Mr. Wade, did you make that as an amendment to Mr. Flora's motion?

Mr. Wade:

Yes sir. Amendment seconded.

The President:

Gentlemen, you have heard the amendment made by Mr. Wade, properly seconded, that a committee, Mr. Flora's committee be appointed, to include, as I understand it, the Executive Committee of the Association. Is there any discussion?

No discussion.

We will vote on the amendment first. Amendment seconded. Carried.

The President:

Now then, we will vote on the original motion made by Mr. Flora of Elizabeth City,—that a committee of three or more be

appointed to work out the details of a memorial for Captain McNeill. Is there any discussion on the original motion?

No discussion. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Wood:

It seems to me there ought to be some suggestion,—there is some question among us here as to the proper place to erect this memorial; some indecision on the part of the members as to where it should be placed; and if it is consistent I would like to offer a motion at this time that this monument or memorial to Chief McNeill be placed at his grave in his home town of Fayetteville.

The President:

Is there a second to that motion?

Motion seconded.

The President:

You have heard the motion made by Mr. Wood, which has been seconded. Is there any discussion?

No discussion. Motion carried.

The President:

Unless there is something else to come up at this time we will adjourn as requested by Chief Shaw to meet again at 7:30 this evening.

Adjournment until 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday Evening, August 23, 1927

The Convention was re-convened at 7:30 P. M. in West Market Street M. E. Church, and the following proceedings were had.

The President:

We will begin the services with a quartette by the Higgins Sisters.

Quartette—"There Is a Land Where They Never Say Good-bye."

The President:

We will now have the Invocation by Reverend Mr. Fesperman.

Mr. Fesperman:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we pray that Thy blessings rest upon this memorial service here tonight, and as we call to mind the lives of the men who have passed over during the year we pray that it may turn our minds to serious things for a little while in this service; and grant that Thy blessings may rest upon us, and that Thy spirit may guide and direct us in all that we say and do in this service. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The President:

We will now have a solo by Mr. Rogers.

Solo—"God Shall Wipe Away All Tears."

The President:

The Secretary will please call the roll of our departed comrades.

The Secretary:

Charles E. Tesh, Lewis F. Hicks, William A. Mabry, D. C. Lloyd, J. W. Goodwin, S. R. Doster, W. A. Bringle, John L. King, William S. Pfohl, W. H. Lewellyn, P. L. Morgan, James L. Turner, James D. McNeill, R. C. Currier, Fred Speight, J. L. Jenkins, Emanuel V. Tesh, H. J. Hinson, Roby Fesperman, Thomas McCombs.

The President:

We will have the Memorial Address by Rev. Mr. Fesperman, Reverend H. A. Fesperman, of Greensboro.

Mr. Fesperman:

I deem it quite an honor and a privilege to stand before you men tonight and speak the address of the occasion,—at least one of them. There are no men in any profession or of any class for whom I have a higher regard than the firemen of the State of North Carolina.

You have heard the names of those read who have been called

higher since this meeting a year ago. It is altogether proper and right that this service should come in honor and in memory of those who have been called to their reward. If I counted correctly, twenty men, twenty firemen from different sections of North Carolina have been called away since your last annual meeting. This service is perhaps the only really serious service that you will have in your meeting, and I hope that I may direct your attention for a little while tonight, remembering that I am to be followed by another speaker or two more worthy than I am, to the seriousness of this occasion. I hope to turn your minds for just a little while along the line of thought that perhaps has been far from you today. Death is a very serious thing. It is something that is coming some day to all of us here, whether we like to talk about it or think about it or not, and the fact that from your midst during the past year, twenty men have been called makes it absolutely certain that ere you come together again in a meeting like this a score or more of men will be called again. The deeds of those men who have been called have been rendered; they have been recorded. Many of you know their lives; know their records, and it would be worth little tonight for me to try to speak of them if I had the proper information; but there is a question that I think concerns all of us, and that we are all interested in, in the more serious moments of our lives, and that I can perhaps interest you in tonight; and that question is a question that was raised by a man who lived long ago; a question that has ranked as one of the greatest questions that has ever been asked, and that question is this: "If a man die, shall he live again?" That question was first propounded by a man by the name of Job, noted more or less for his patience, and along with that a great many other things; and since his time, under many circumstances and in many places, by many people that question has been asked time and time again, and we might ask tonight these men who a year ago were among you in the flesh and blood, who have since died, shall they live again? There have been three answers given to this question, answers that interest us. The first answer given to this question is a no. There are a few individuals who answer the question in that way,—No; but I want to say tonight that those men and women who answer this important question in the negative way have been so few and so erratic and so abnormal that we do not feel that we can justify ourselves in giving to them any consideration tonight. There have been others that have answered the question in this way: "I don't know." Among those was Confucius, the great Chinese sage and philosopher. He said, "I do not know." He said, "I cannot tell you whether there will be any life beyond this or not, for I do not know. If I knew I would not

tell you, for if I assured you of a future life you would so neglect life and worship the dead that the present world would be empty. If I would tell you there was no future life you would care for nothing except passion and possession." Another one who made a similar answer was Bob Ingersoll, well known as the great infidel of his day. He delivered a eulogy at the grave of his brother, after his brother had passed away, and he said among a great many other things these beautiful words: "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word." But, I want to say that the third class of people to whom I would call your attention tonight have answered this great question in a very emphatic way, with a very gladsome yes. If a man die shall he live again? People of every religion, of every faith, in every place on the face of the earth have answered that question I say with a gladsome yes; and if I were to ask you tonight, men who are here, this same question almost every one of you in this presence tonight would be willing to answer in chorus, Yes, Yes; these men whom God has called from our midst shall live again; shall live again. This was the answer of ancient Egypt upon the rock hewn tombs beside the Nile. The old Pharoahs were wrapped in linen and placed in these tombs upon which were inscribed these words: "The dead shall live again." They believed that the soul of man and the body likewise would be raised and would live. Such was the answer of ancient Greece; of the Roman worshippers of Jupiter and Minerva; they looked forward to the day of death, so sure were they that there would be another life that they would live afterwards; such was the answer of the Danes and the Norsemen; to them there was a future Valhalla where the good from this land would dwell; such was the answer of the North American Indian worshipping in his own simple way what he called the Great Spirit, so that when he did his bows and arrows were buried with him that he might not go into the happy hunting ground empty handed; such also is the answer of the black man in Central Africa; when life is over here they believe in another life, when the beautiful river God shall deliver them from all the poisonous reptiles and from the wild beasts; such also is the reply of the Brahmas in India, and all the others I have mentioned tonight, the answer is Yes, Yes. When the question comes to them, "If a man dies shall he live again?" They answer that question Yes. And so friends, that is the faith and the belief that you and I hold as we come here tonight breathing the names and the lives of these men very gently whose names were called a while ago. To

the question, shall these men live again? We must answer, yes, yes. But since we answer yes some one may say to us, "Well give a reason for the faith that is in you. Why do you answer this question yes? What is the reason for you believing that these men who fellowshipped with you heretofore and are now called away will live again?" First of all I would answer that question in this way: Immortality is a universal longing of the human soul. The God who created the soul has given unto the soul this longing as well as all other longings, and I want to say, friends, that knowing that for every other longing of the human soul God has provided a way of satisfaction; that he has provided a way of satisfaction for every other longing of the human soul, and knowing this, that he has provided this way of satisfaction, doesn't it stand to reason that this sublimest longing of all God would somehow satisfy. I believe it; and then I believe it because God is the great economist of the world. Does man care anything for all the great works of art and of the artists in the world. Over in Athens the Parthenon, erected more than two thousand years ago, is still partially standing, a sample of the most perfect type of architecture the world has ever known. Thousands of people visit it every year, and we do well to preserve it; we do well likewise to preserve the works of the great artists, the great painting of the Lord's Supper, where visitors can look upon it even today, and it is looked upon today by thousands of people. Would any one say that it was not a wise thing to preserve and take care of the great books that man has produced throughout the ages of time? Who could estimate the good done by the book called the Pilgrim's Progress? Who could estimate the worth of this Holy Book I hold in my hand tonight? I ask the question, Do we do well to preserve these books? Do we do well to preserve the works of art and architects? Loudly I say we do, not only through a short period of time, a short period of years, but through thousands and thousands of years. Well, just listen, the maker is always greater than the thing made. If we do well to preserve and care for these things, doesn't it stand to reason, friends, that that which shall never die God will care for, and we shall be able to answer yes because we know God is the great economist of the world. So that, shall the works of man live through thousands of years and then man himself live only 50 or 60 or 75 years? I believe we can answer this question, "If a man die shall he live again?" with a glad yes, because man is a two-world creature. Planted in the springtime there are some flowers that grow through the summer season and when the fall of the year comes they are not matured or blooming, but the next spring they begin again where they left off and the second season sees

them matured and blossoming into beautiful fragrant flowers. So it is with man. So it is with you and I and your departed brothers tonight; one life is too short for full development. In 80 years or 90 years, or even 100 years man knows little and understands little, has seen little. His mind continues to develop, but in a body that is weakened with age and decay. All else save man in this life reaches perfection, all else. He alone leaves this life with talents and powers untouched, and with strength unutilized. Surely in a world beyond this man will grow and learn and serve until he is complete. And then another thought: I believe we can answer this question to our comfort in looking upon the loss of the past year, because of the inequalities and injustice in this old world. Even trust is crushed to earth; even truth is on the scaffold and wrong is on the throne; but with a righteous God ruling the universe there must come a day, and there will come a day when these things that are wrong now will be set aright. I believe it with all my heart. Surely there must be another world in which the tangles and the injustices of this life will be straightened out. And then I believe we can answer this question with a yes last of all because it is the clear-cut teaching of the book that we regard as most holy and truthful, and I give you that reason last, not because I think it is last, but because I believe it is the greatest. I believe there will come a day when you shall be re-united in some convention in another world with those of your brethren who have gone before, not only those of the past year, but in all of the years heretofore. I believe it, and Oh, this assurance comes to me anew tonight as I think of the resurrection of our Lord whom we honor and love; the resurrection of our Lord, the best attested fact in history, called so by a great man. When Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth he stated to ten car loads of witnesses, ready to testify to the fact that he had seen the Master in life. So with the disciples, after they had seen their Master, the risen Lord, these timid lambs were transformed into courageous lions, ready to fly into the face of the world and enmity for their Lord and the principles that he taught when He lived, go forth and conquer, and to conquer in the strength of their risen Lord. And so, friends, tonight in this memorial service, answering the great question that you have asked perhaps many a time as you stood by the open grave of a loved one as that one was placed beneath the surface of the earth, and as you heard the minister say earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, you have looked up out of the sorrow of your heart and you have asked this age old question,—“If a man die shall he live again?” Yes, I think in the light of the truths as I have called them to your attention tonight we can believe that if a man dies he shall live

again. I want to say that I believe that it is the most blessed hope that we have in this life; and so I would admonish you tonight as I close this brief address that you live realizing that this is not all; that our lives here now is just the beginning; that you are living for more; that you are living for more than time, that you are living for eternity; and I want to say that eternal life in Christ is more than length of life! it is also breadth of life and depth of life and height of life and volume of life and momentum of life and hope of life and divinity of life. Yes, if a man die he shall live again.

So we honor tonight these men whom you learned to love; whom you learned to know and to love in the days gone by. I hope that I may leave this little serious thought with you as you go out of this place of meeting tonight: There are perhaps sitting in my presence in this audience, perhaps upon this platform some who shall not see another service of this kind. One of the finest things that this convention, to my mind, has done has been to set apart a place on your program for this service to honor those men who have served their day and passed off the stage again and gone to their reward. They sleep tonight, but they sleep only for a short while. A gladder, brighter and a better day shall dawn for them.

God giveth his beloved sleep,
Oh blessed thought to those who weep.
When Life's rough toilsome journey's past, and
The weary soul lies down at last;
The Lord who knoweth what is best,
Gives to his beloved rest;
And at the dawning of the day;
When night's grim shadows flee away;
And all his children gather home;
When Paradise again shall bloom;
Then shall He make all grief to cease;
And give to his beloved peace.
If a man die he shall live again.

The President:

We will be favored with a song by the Jarvis Brothers.

Song: "I know not what awaits me."

The President:

We will now listen to a short eulogy by Mr. P. O. Herbert.

Mr. Herbert:

Ladies and Gentlemen: For the third time in my life I have been asked by you gentlemen to carry a message to our dearly beloved departed friends. Different from other occasions, tonight I carry a message from the depths of an aching soul; an irreparable injury, seemingly, of the soul, in the worldly conversation of the situation. We hear of a great many achievements in life; we hear of the invention of steam; we hear of the invention of electricity; of the invention of radio; of the discovery of unexplored lands; we hear of everything in the way of an inventive genius, all based upon a business proposition; but in the life of our dearly beloved friend his was an altruistic endeavor, all his years. When as a young man and his comrade, when I chanced upon him and I had never seen him before and he knew me upon sight;; then it was that our heart strings, our ideas, our impulses correlated in perfect unison of sound and thought. He was a volunteer fireman, and my friends and comrades his life was more than that of an inventive genius; his idea was that of a volunteer fireman, and when I met him over a quarter of a century ago a volunteer fireman was merely a name on the annals of the world, simply a passing thought, a curbstone conversation,—“They did well”, or some trite remark. He built up the “firemanic”, the volunteer “firemanic” organization, if I may coin the word, and his work stands before us today. He planted the seed, he cultivated the crop in season and out of season, unattended with any mercenary motives, not with pride of opinion or anything except an altruistic motive that the world might be better because of his living in it. You gentlemen know that I have been here quite a long time in association with my dear departed comrade, and know I have seen the grandeur of his work, not only in the State of North Carolina that stands superior in the volunteer fire service and represents a personnel par excellence, as the Frenchman would term it, which expresses the idea perfectly, but in other states; and this organization, this development is not confined to the State of North Carolina; it is a world wide movement that has come into its own; and our dear departed friend has done a good to this world,—a greater good than many of those whose names you read blazoned forth in printed type, because he has given us a glorious life; he led and he followed; he was tolerant and he was disciplinary, and he was energetic, and he was the very kind of a man, he had the many parts, the many traits of a man that go to make up the hero in a work such as this and its development, and to merit

the appreciation of mankind. I knew him not only in the light of a great and grand man, but as an exponent of a glorious life. He understood, as I apprehended the situation, every phase of the intellectual, every phase of instinct, and every phase of success, and withal was mellowed with that silent soft worded and powerful natural intuition of woman, which, in my humble judgment, has brought about all the good things in the world. He knew the different communities; he fought ably for his ideals. He has gone and left a chair vacant, and that chair is sitting silently tonight reminding us of a departed friend. In the language of the poet, this thought impresses me: I would that my heart could utter the moans that rise within me this night; how I long for the touch of a vanquished hand and the sound of a voice that is still, but the tender glance of a friend that is dead shall never come back to me.

The President:

We will now hear from one of our members whom we all know and love, Col. A. H. Boyden.

Col. Boyden:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Comrades: There bloomed in my heart forty years ago a flower that carried with it friendship, love and loyalty. I have tried in the last eighty years of my life to carry out those three great principles,—friendship, love and loyalty. Tonight I feel inadequate; my heart fails me; words fail me when I stand here in Greensboro, the fine city of Greensboro, where the inception of this great man took place in 1888. I want to thank my God that I am here to say one word, not only about the organization, but about the men who compose it. I was not a first member of the organization. My life with Captain McNeill, my beloved and honored friend for forty years, started politically. I say to you young men who were not acquainted with him in those dark days of reconstruction when the great State of North Carolina was groaning under all the horrors of war, that young man led the fight in our own North Carolina for the redemption of this great State and put it back in the class where it was; and I remember so well when he told me that night of the election that we had carried. Faithfully I wired back, as chairman of the democratic party in Rowan that we had carried Rowan, and following that great victory Honorable Zeb B. Vance became the Governor of North Carolina, and the blessed State of North Carolina started on its forward movement. I say

to you, my fellow comrades, in talking about Captain James McNeill, that I loved above all men in North Carolina except Julian S. Carr, my confederate veteran companion, that he was no common man; but he was an extraordinary man. I never saw him fail in my life, no matter how difficult the proposition that was presented to him. I never saw him weaken a minute, not a second, but like the brave man that he was, the competent man that he was, the able man that he was, he went at the hardest proposition or proposed campaign. In putting this great body of men in the condition in which it exists today he had all kind of troubles. I remember so well the many nights we lay around the Capitol at Raleigh. Talking for what? What were we talking for? Jim McNeill was leading the fight and I was his right hand man, doing what I could for him. He was there pleading for money from the State of North Carolina to see that you men in your old age and your crippled condition perhaps, if anything should happen to you, that North Carolina should take care of you. Time and again we went there, and through his energy, determination and unselfish feeling the fund you gentlemen are enjoying was established. For that fund you are indebted to Captain James D. McNeill more than to any other man or set of men in North Carolina. I am proud to be able to say that I know you men listening to me believe every word of it. We had a hard fight when we started to tax the State Insurance Commissioner. I remember very well the man who fought us so hard was your distinguished citizen, Honorable Alfred M. Scales, of whom I am very fond. I tackled him about it, and he said to me: "My dear Boyden, you must remember I am a lawyer and make my living at the law. I am the attorney for these folks, and I am bound to fight." I said, "That is certainly all right, that is all right." But, finally the bill was passed, and today, thank God, I don't believe any fireman who gets crippled or who is hurt in any way or disabled in any way will have any trouble about being taken care of by this relief fund. That is the status that this great organization occupies today. North Carolina is becoming so great today, my fellow firemen, that it pleases me to think about it, to read about it, and to study about it. There is no state in the Union that has made greater progress than North Carolina has made, and to that gallant, brave soul who has left us this is due, as much so as to any other man in North Carolina. I don't except any man. This great stride and progress is as much due to the efforts and the work and the talent of James D. McNeill as to any other man in North Carolina. His memory to me is just as fresh today as if he was standing in that door this very moment. I have never seen him, as I said, quiver or back out or run away from any proposition that might be per-

formed to upbuild the firemen of the State of North Carolina and their organization, and in my feeble way I want to lay this little tribute at James McNeill's feet. I really believe, my fellow comrades, that his whole work in life was God's work. What does this Firemen's Association mean? What does the fire department mean? It means these citizens, and thousands of people in North Carolina lay down at night in perfect quiet, perfect security, with the knowledge and assurance that their lives and their property will be protected and taken care of. Just think about it, every night for 365 days and nights in the year these splendid young men are on duty. Captain McNeill drilled into them above all things what the word duty means; and I am as happy as I can be to know that in my town,—and when I say in my town I suppose it is so all over North Carolina,—there is no finer body of young men in the State anywhere; no more quick to respond no more loyal to the proposition of doing their duty, than the firemen of North Carolina.

Now, in my little talk I want to say this: North Carolina has always been backward in doing the right thing by her distinguished citizens. France, my fellow countrymen, only a few years since the World War closed, but in every little village in the whole state of France stands a memorial to their dead. I am today struggling and fighting to put a monument at the Battle of Gettysburg for the brave men who fell 69 years ago. Not a marker nor anything. Just back from Gettysburg I find no marker or anything to tell about the bravery and heroism of the North Carolina troops.

Now, I trust, my friends, you will not forget to remember that you had for 25 or 26 years the finest spirt, the finest type of a gentleman, the finest product of a man as your leader that God ever made, and I tell you in all respect, love and affection it is your duty to remember him and to memorialize him.

I thank you.

The President:

We will now be favored with a song by the Higgins Sisters.

Song: "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

The President:

We will now be dismissed by Mr. Claude Moore, Sunday School teacher of the Greensboro Fire Department. You will please stand.

Mr. Moore:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for what has been said here tonight. We thank Thee for the message that has been given to us here tonight by those who have spoken. We ask now, Our Heavenly Father, that Thou will get in relationship with us that we may the better understand; that we may remember as we go out from here the messages that have been given to us here tonight, and that we may be more determined to live nearer to Thee; to remember the message that has been brought home to us here tonight,—that if a man die he shall live again. Help us, Oh God, to so live so that some time, some way, in that great beyond we may meet those loyal fellow citizens, co-workers of ours that may be in that land where there is no more parting, no more sad goodbyes, and no shedding of tears. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

ADJOURNMENT TO WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24th.
1927, AT 9:30 O'CLOCK

The Convention re-assembled in Court Room No. 1 of the Guilford County Court House at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, August 24, 1927, and the following proceedings were had:

The President:

Gentlemen, the convention will please come to order. We overlooked the report of the Auditing Committee, which committee is composed of Mr. Kesler, Chief Nissen and Chief Palmer. They have already been at work on it, and their report will probably be in, in a short while.

Now the first thing at this session will be the completion of this roll call that was deferred yesterday until this morning. Now, if there are any delegates present who have not answered to the roll call, please make it known now, so that we can complete this roll call here now.

The Secretary:

Mr. President, a number of delegates have come in since yesterday and I have so made the changes on the record. I will now call those that have not responded:

Biltmore Forest;
Brevard;
Bryson City (Here)
Chapel Hill.

Mr. President, I know that Chief is here. He was here yesterday. So this puts us in an awkward position. We know that he is here, and yet he is absent and does not answer. We have called him three times. We want him to come here.

Elm City, Enfield, Fairmont, Freemont, Gastonia, Kings Mountain, Laurenburg, Lillington, Mt. Olive, Newton, North Wilkesboro, Oteen, Rockingham, Boxboro, Smithfield, Snow Hill, Troy, Wadesboro, Wendell, Zebulon.

Mr. President, we have 23 towns and cities here that do not answer, and this roll call was deferred yesterday in order to give these people an opportunity to be here for business. They said that they were here yesterday and could not get in and didn't know of the session yesterday afternoon. Now, this will complete the roll call, and those towns and cities that do not answer will be considered as not being present at this convention.

Mr. Brockwell:

What I would suggest to the President is that probably they will be in a little later. Most of those places called are small towns, and probably their delegates are not used to city life, and that we let the matter remain in status quo a few minutes and give them a little chance.

The President:

It is taking up a great deal of time here. We lost a lot of time trying to get them to answer yesterday, and the same thing seems to prevail this morning; but if it is the wish of the convention we will defer it a little longer. It is really a serious matter, gentlemen, because those towns that don't answer are not entitled to receive their one-half of one per cent from the Insurance Commissioner's office this year, unless they have some good excuse for not being here. What is your pleasure, gentlemen?

A Member:

I move that it be held up for the benefit of those not present.

The President:

For how long a time?

A Member:

For a reasonable length of time during this business session.

I suggest 10:30. It is now five minutes to 10 by my watch. Surely everybody ought to be up and know his business by 10:30 in the morning.

The President:

Is there a second to the motion that we defer this until 10:30? (Motion seconded and carried.)

The President:

The next thing is the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting held at Morehead City. What is your pleasure, gentlemen?

A Member:

I move that the minutes be adopted as printed. (Motion seconded and carried.)

The President:

We are still under the head of officers and committees. There are one or two committees out yet that haven't reported. The Auditing Committee, I understand, won't be ready for some time yet. There is another committee. Mr. Brockwell, is Chief Whitenner in the room? Mr. Harris in the room?

Mr. Brockwell, what do you know about the cup, the Spaulding cup?

Mr. Brockwell:

Mr. Harris knows about that. If you will defer it until he comes in he will take it up.

The President:

There was a committee appointed last year to secure a reel for racing purposes at the convention, and I will ask Mr. Whitley if he is ready to report for that committee.

Mr. Whitley:

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association: The North Carolina State Firemen's Association owns a reel. There were at Morehead City two teams

that left on account of not being able to run; they didn't have their reel with them, and there was some confusion and some dissatisfaction; but at the present time we have at the Central Fire Station a reel for your use, regardless of who you are, as long as you are a member of the Association. Chief Horney of High Point was good enough to donate this reel to the Association, and also it has been re-painted. I want you all to look at it, and before you leave I want you to thank Chief Horney for the reel.

The Secretary:

Mr. President, I move you, Sir, that by a rising vote we extend our thanks, the thanks of the entire convention for the donation of this reel by Chief Horney.

(Rising vote of thanks given.)

The Secretary:

Mr. President, if I understand it, this reel will be kept with the truck, and as we go from year to year to different places it will accompany the motor truck to this convention from now on, and we will have for you not only a truck, but a reel at all conventions.

The President:

Any other business, Mr. Secretary, at this time? If not, we will now proceed to miscellaneous or new business.

The Secretary:

Mr. Chairman, just one moment, I am just in receipt of a telegram from Fairmont, North Carolina, in which they say they are unable to get here; that they have tried very hard to get here but are unable to do so. This is from Chief Floyd.

The President:

This matter of Fairmont will be handled by the Executive Committee along with the other towns that are not represented here.

Mr. Nissen:

Mr. President, I move you that the matter be submitted to the Executive Committee, and if their excuse is satisfactory to the Executive Committee that they be accepted. Fairmount, the town that asks to be enrolled.

The President:

The State law prescribes that the Executive Committee hears these complaints and passed on them. I just remarked that the Executive Committee would handle this matter along with the others who have not answered.

The President:

We are now under the head of miscellaneous or new business. Mr. Secretary, is there anything on your desk?

The Secretary:

I have nothing.

The President:

Gentlemen, I am going to extend the floor for a few minutes to one whom I know you will all be glad to listen to, as you have always been, that is Col. A. H. Boyden of Salisbury.

Col. Boyden:

Mr. President, and my Fellow Comrades:

I am deeply interested in this organization, just as much so as when I first joined it, in fact I am prouder today of it than I ever was in my life as I stand here in front of such a magnificent audience of splendid citizenship of North Carolina, but at times I am worried a little about the relief fund. I would like to talk to you a little bit this morning about it.

I know of my own knowledge, without any exaggeration, the information is correct information, that a lot of these committees in North Carolina representing the firemen of North Carolina do not know exactly how to handle that fund. They spend the fund for almost anything they want to spend it for. That fund was originally gotten up and intended for the relief of the suffering and men who are hurt, men who need the relief; that is what the fund is for; it is not meant to be spent for anything you want it for; and you must take care of that fund; take care of it as it was intended to be taken care of. Suppose, for instance you have got a man in your community,—suppose your fund is \$500, suppose you exceed that \$500, what are you going to do? I would like for somebody to tell me what you are going to do when you exhaust that fund?

Member:

Draw on the general fund.

Col. Boyden:

That is right, but a lot of them don't know what to do. They write me a letter asking me what to do. Now, you are entitled to that fund as long as there is a dollar of it to supply and keep your men in condition who are sick or hurt and need it. That was the original idea of Jim McNeill, the finest fireman and most beloved man in North Carolina. That is what the fund was intended for; it was not intended just to throw away. I don't know how much money we have got in the relief fund, if you would like to know that. I am a great believer in pensions. I have been Chairman of the Pension Board 35 years. I got 53 men with small salaries living off the payroll, 50 on the pension roll, only three living, and I am one of that 50 men now on that pension roll. The time will soon come to you men who are serving 15, 20 or 25 years,—we have got some men in Salisbury who have served 35 years in this splendid organization since it has been formed, and I know of my own knowledge that they are not getting what they are entitled to. Their wives ought to have a fund, their family ought to have a fund, and I have said this again and again. I think there ought to be a committee appointed, Mr. President, to look into this great question. It is a question of the day that concerns you men, every one of you. You can't live always, you can't be active always, and when you get inactive, not able to perform your duties, it is the duty of this organization to see that this relief fund takes care of you and your family too, if it is necessary. I don't know men now, a great many organization in the different counties that don't consider the fund appropriation properly and don't spend it properly. I am making no reflections on anybody, I am not that kind of a man, but I know that through the last year I got numerous letters asking what must we do. Now, we had in my home town as fine a fireman as ever went to a fire, Malley West, he was stricken, confined in the hospital six or eight weeks, utterly helpless; his family was to take care of. I went to the Chief and told him that that man and his family must be taken care of out of this relief fund, that if we exceeded the fund that then we would draw on the general fund. He is back after 8 or 10 weeks, and he is just now beginning to take care of himself. So I say that you have got a right, if you have got a sick fireman to take care of him of the relief fund, exhaust every dollar of that fund if it is necessary and draw on the general fund. Don't be afraid of that question of drawing on the general fund, on the treasurer, it is your duty to

do it. You ought not to let men suffer who stand ready 365 days every day in the year and every night in the year, and every morning and noon in the year to do their duty and to perform their duty. Those men to me are the most deserving of any men I know, men of the most deserving organization of any in North Carolina, and they ought not to suffer. I don't know, Mr. President, now how much we have in the treasury.

The President:

Right around \$12,000.00 in the State relief fund.

Mr. Boyden:

I would like to know how much money there is in the relief fund?

Mr. Schnibben:

The Secretary ought to be able to tell you that.

The Secretary:

In answer to Col. Boyden's question, I don't have it definitely, because some of the towns as yet have not responded with their report. They ought to make a report. I want to say in round numbers there is distributed in and through North Carolina,—and I want to be safe when I make this statement,—there is around \$400,000.00 in North Carolina in this local fund.

Col. Boyden:

You will see, my fellow comrades, what this fund is coming to, and the time has come now, and I might as well start it now, that when a man serves in this organization so many years he is entitled to be retired upon a pension. (Applause) That is what I am working for, as I have worked on the Pension Board. There is no reason why \$40,000.00 will not take care of a good many men who are absolutely dependent upon what little they get from the fire department, which, God knows, is little enough. I cannot conceive of any better movement than that this convention should start now to appoint a committee,—Mr. Brockwell, who is familiar with it, and the Secretary, and then somebody else. Let's don't appoint me on it, because I am not worth a cent, no account, but appoint some young men and let's start now to see what shall be

done with the fund in the future. It was not intended to accumulate, but it is a thing to be spent. Jim McNeill talked to me so earnestly about that, that we can't get these men to spend money. Some times they send me a report and they haven't spent a dollar; and then you will find another county that has spent a great deal and not spent it in the right way. That is what I am driving at, not to misappropriate this fund, this is not what it was intended for, but it is for distribution among those who need it, and as long as the English language can say what it is for I am in favor of spending it for that purpose. I am fighting for you in the days to come, knowing what it means for an old man and his family when he is retired as a fireman, when he has given to the State of North Carolina 35 years of his life. I say he is entitled to be taken care of by the State of North Carolina, and I hope to God you men will decide to take care of him.

A Member:

I would like to ask Col. Boyden just one question,—if we have a right to take care of a man that contracts pneumonia, if it was not contracted while in the line of duty?

Col. Boyden:

Yes. That was sent upon him. Certainly he is just as much entitled to it as if he was in the line of duty fighting fire that night and contracted it, every bit as much.

A Member:

I understand that if while in the line of duty you are subjected to cold by being wet, and some time within a certain time you contract pneumonia, that could be attributed to your service in the fire department. Suppose you go out rabbit hunting and contract pneumonia, that has got nothing to do with the fire department and you cannot call on this relief fund for any of it, that is my understanding of it, that he cannot get any of this fund under those circumstances.

Col. Boyden:

Why of course he can. That is what the fund is for, to take care of the disabled firemen. (Great applause.) Hasn't a fireman got a right to go rabbit hunting if he wants to? Of course he has, and if he happens to catch pneumonia rabbit hunting he is just as much entitled to participate in this fund as if he caught it fighting

fire in your town.

The Member:

Col. Boyden and I agree exactly on this question, but my local committee doesn't agree with us, and I am trying to get straight on that one question and carry it back home with me.

Mr. Stacey Wade:

Gentlemen of the convention: Col. Boyden has brought up a very interesting subject here this morning, very vital to the firemen of North Carolina. The most serious appointment made by any state, in any city or town of any state is the appointment of a board of trustees for the Firemen's relief fund. I know that it becomes my duty to appoint the fifth man on that board.

I do know I appoint the best man I can find. I find the best man I can find. Mr. Harris brought out the question if somebody goes rabbit hunting and contracts pneumonia will he be permitted to be taken care of out of the fund in the hands of the board of directors,—board of trustees of the local firemen's relief fund. They are the sole and absolute owners of that fund, and it becomes the duty of the firemen and the city council to appoint the best men, and that is done, because this fund is in the hands of the board of trustees. Now this fund increased a little over \$5,000.-00 a year,—There are today more towns in the State of North Carolina without this fund than ever before in the history of North Carolina. Today 15 towns represented here today haven't received the money from my office, from my department, just simply because the treasurer of that fund is not sending me the required bond certificate. I am not going to send out money from the department until I am protected. It is absolutely my duty to see that the treasurers of that fund are bonded. When the treasurer of that fund has sent me his bond I will gladly send him the money. I know absolutely and positively that the Firemen's Relief fund in North Carolina is being dissipated. I know it is dissipated absolutely shamefully; that there are all kinds of expenses being paid out of that fund. Some of the biggest cities in North Carolina today are dissipating that fund. The fund was created, as Col. Boyden said, to take care of the disabled firemen, and their widows and orphans, the widows and orphans of firemen are not expected to go to the almshouse. It is a sacred fund; it ought to be looked into. Now I tell you it is disgraceful. I want it to go on the minutes of the meeting that I tell you that the Firemen's Relief Fund as administered in some of the cities and towns in this State is absolutely disgraceful; the administration of it is abso-

lutely disgraceful, and something has got to be done about it. (Long and loud applause.)

Mr. Brockwell:

Gentlemen, it takes a man like Col. Boyden to bring these points which are so close to your hearts before you in the proper manner. It takes a man like Mr. Wade to step up here and tell you what is up town. Col. Boyden has done one thing that I have done too. Please don't think that I am trying to bring up any ultra effect of sentiment here now, but I believe that in the interest of the Firemen's Relief Fund that I have traveled more and farther with the man who was responsible for this fund, and heard him talk to more people about it than any other member of this Association. I have from time to time been with Captain McNeill to where he was going in these cities and towns, and I have heard him raise Hell about the way they had been handling this money. Now, Colonel Boyden knows that. The should not, then you won't have any to spend for the two, the only two reasons on the face of the earth that the Fireman's Relief Fund is for, and I challenge any man in this convention to doubt it. It is first and above all to take care of the firemen in actual loss of time caused by injury or sickness received or contracted while in the line of duty. That is what it is for, for the young man when he goes out and risks his life to save the life or the property of fellow man, it is to protect him; if he contracts sickness. breaks a leg or breaks an arm; or loses his life, then that fund is to take care of him under those conditions. But McNeill, Captain Von Glom, and Benbow, men who have given us great trust, men who have served their country, their cities and other cities in fighting fires until they grow old, and that with the same patriotic feeling that many of our other great heroes had, and have not prepared something to take care of them in these last few years they have here on the face of this earth, these men, and this Convention should say, "Here it is, take this Firemen's Relief Fund, and whenever such men as those, men who have rendered that valuable service need help, in the name of God and the firemen of North Carolina give it to them out of this fund." That brings you back to Mr. Harris' proposition. Suppose I go out this afternoon and I go hunting and catch cold, and I have got \$3,000.00 in the bank, and the first week I am sick I send for the chief of the fire department and I say to him, "I went hunting or fishing or something, and I need help." Why I ought to be put in the Penitentiary, because I was seeking to have this paid out of that sacred fund. But, suppose in the same day I go on that same hunting

trip or fishing trip and I have fought fire and have given my heart and my soul in this great fighting, and I get to where I need help, then in the name of high Heaven who shall I call on if not the friends of my well days, who are the firemen, and if they have not abused that fund and the board of trustees think I am entitled to it, I will get it; and I say this, that we will give to the last cent for the purpose for which it was intended, but we cannot have the fund and abuse it. I know of one instance where one member of the board of trustees of a firemen's relief fund paid a one-horse, a member of that association, who goes up to the Legislature, and while he is in that Legislature he goes out and makes a speech for the Firemen's Relief Fund,—I doubt if anybody asked him to do it,—and inside of three months he filed a bill with his local committee, of which he was a member for \$250.00 for professional services rendered, and he collected it. Now then, what does that mean? It means that you men, you men who are making that fund, you men who are risking your life must go away from here with that same spirit that good man from Rowan has; that you will go home with the idea and the resolve formed in your hearts that by God's help you will see that the Firemen's Relief Fund is not abused, and that you will see to it that when money is spent out of this fund that it will be spent rightfully in order that the sacredness of your home may be protected; so that if you hurt yourself or contract sickness in the performance of your duty as a fireman and you lose time on account of such accident or illness you will know that you have only to ask for help and you will get it when you need it; it will be there for you.

I thank you.

Col. Boyden:

I am sorry my friend Brockwell don't agree with me. Now, suppose you have a fire and one of your men contracts pneumonia that night and happens to go out hunting tomorrow or the next day. Do you tell me he is not entitled to part of this fund to take care of him?

Mr. Brockwell:

He is.

Col. Boyden:

Absolutely

Mr. Brockwell:

Yes sir.

Col. Boyden:

I misunderstood you. My life is in the hands of God. As long as I am on the board; as long as a fireman lays down ill and needs help he gets it, and he gets it out of my fund, just so long as I can sign a paper. They are all right; 99 per cent of these boys sitting in front of me are a high class set of men. There may be a black sheep or two among them, one will slip in now and then in any crowd.

The Secretary:

We are beating about the bush; we are on the same subject we have been on for years; we have been at it at each and every convention for years. I see what condition we are in, what situation we are in. The officers of your Association have for years known this condition to exist; the State Officer comes here and tells you certain conditions exist. You know it now. We all know it. It has been stated to you that this fund in different towns and cities has been dissipated; that it has been spent illegally; you have been notified and it is your business to straighten it out. Your officers can only do what you tell them to do. You go before the Legislature and enact laws which they are bound to carry out; you have spoken; we must carry out your laws. This thing will never get on its feet until you take a hand in it and do it right. How many members of the firemen's local relief fund are there in this convention today? Hold up your hands. How many of you know how your fund is today? How many of you know and are satisfied with the condition in your town? That is fine, but that is not 90 per cent of you. I doubt seriously if there were over 30 hands raised. That is 33-1-3 percent of the towns that seem to be satisfied and know their business, 33-1-3 per cent of the audience. There is 2-3 of the audience or 66 per cent that does not speak now, their mouths are closed. I want to say for Concord that we haven't paid,—my belief is that we haven't paid a claim in five years. I want to further state to you that I believe honestly that we have not had a just claim; that no claim has been made, and I don't believe one could have been made for five years in the past. We have not dissipated our fund; we have it invested in six per cent mortgages on real estate out in the county; we are not using the interest on the fund; but there is another day coming. Just because we have got it in the fund is no reason we shall throw it away. Now, if we need to use it we will use it; but if we don't need to use it, I say not use it, keep it for the cold days. Some of you gentlemen have past the zenith of your life; you are on the top, some of you; as I say, you have reached the zenith of your

life; you are on the top now and you have started down hill; the sun in some of your lives is fast setting. That money was put there by the Insurance Commissioner to protect men when they are old and cannot protect themselves. Now, I go back to the original proposition, that until the firemen tend to their own business, take enough interest in it to see what is going on and come up to this convention and tell this body of men what is going on, we will not correct the errors that are being made. By no legislation can you correct what you are doing now. I don't think you can. We have tried it since 1908, since this fund went into operation; it seems not to be growing better. There is another thing that I know, that the fund is increasing, and increasing rapidly throughout the State. I can point to two reports that are fine. These reports are made and anybody can see them; they are referred to the Auditing Committee to review them and to call to your attention the irregularities. Just what they will say in their report to you I do not know. It is a proposition you have got to meet, but you have got to meet it fairly and squarely and honestly. It will not be met until you gentlemen take enough interest in this matter to go to the bottom of it and ferret it out and see if you cannot do it in this way. Do it in a businesslike way; do it in a way that you would have your brother live, as you would live yourself, and if you do it in that way you will have no controversy about it. I wish it were so that we had our hands hold of it; but I want to tell you so far as your Executive Committee, the executive officers are concerned it has given us far more concern than any other particular thing in this organization; they have spent more sleepless nights over it than your convention has ever discovered discussing these matters; spent many and many sleepless nights at your convention discussing this very phase of the convention's business; you have no idea what worry it has been to us. They want to serve you, but it is an uphill proposition until you gentlemen get an idea and know what you are doing and undertake it; and until you do this it will stay just like it is; just like it has been for the last 15 years. Mr. Wade, Honorable Stacey Wade tells you that he is holding more money today than he has ever done. We ought to do better than that; we ought not to be going backward; every fireman, every department has to have two members of the firemen on that board. It is your business, firemen, if nobody else does it, to see that these bonds go in to him and you get your money. You are losing something by leaving it laying in Raleigh, \$35,000.00 amounts to something every day in the year; and all I have got to suggest to you now is to take enough interest in your own affairs to see that they are done right. If you don't do it nobody else will do it for you. See that it is done. The law seems to me to be plain. The Leg-

islature every year sends out the law to you, but how many of you read it and know it. If you gentlemen don't do that, don't look after your own affairs, we are in the same fix now that we will be in five years from now.

Col. Boyden:

Now, Mr. Secretary, if you are in such a terrible condition as that, I want to move the Chairman, the President, to appoint a committee, an auditing committee, to visit every town in North Carolina or place of this institution and find out just what the trouble is.

A Member:

I second the motion.

Mr. Brockwell:

I second the motion.

Col. Boyden:

That is what I am after. I am after seeing that this money is spent, and spent properly, and spent for the benefit of the men. I have been with Jim McNeill through all these years and years, and I know what he intended and wanted done with this money; he wanted it to help you, and not anybody else, and that was the object of this relief fund; and if there is any man not paying any attention to it, then they have got to be made pay attention to it, and we want an auditing committee appointed to audit every town in North Carolina. A committee to see what is being done with this fund; to instruct them what to do with it; and to punish them if they do what the Law of the State of North Carolina says they shall not do; to punish them if they do not do what the laws of North Carolina requires them to do. But when this committee is appointed they are not men appointed like democrats, they have got some distinction in these towns. I can read the letters and understand and interpret them, and I think I am safe in estimating when I know a man deserves it, that amount of money, when he is suffering from wounds or hurts or something else, and I say this, I am going to give it to him; I am not going to wait for Mr. Wade and ask him about it, because he knows I am not going to do it; what is right I mean I am going to do; I am not going to violate the law if I know it, and I think I know it; but this is a great fund and it is not made to pile up; that is not the object of it; the object Jim McNeill had,—God bless his memory! was to spend it when it was needed; and I hope that this convention will appoint a committee of three men, if necessary, or one man, I think

one man could do it as well as three, to go over the State of North Carolina, and pay his expenses, or rather make him report in full to the President, or my friend Wade, and then we will find out where the trouble is. I won't bother you any more with my voice today.

Mr. Harper:

I wonder if you appoint an intelligent committee to handle this fund, and they handle it,—for instance, there are men who have other men in their employment, for instance, a mill man who has a number of them in his mill, and the saw, say, touched one finger of an employee and clips it off, and he, the employer feels it his duty to send him to a doctor, can that one spend that money just as he would for his own doctor? If every one did right there would not be much discussion but so many people don't find time to study their duty. I heartily agree with Mr. Boyden; I think there ought to be one man appointed as an auditor to go around and look after these funds, audit the treasurer of these funds; see that his books are correct; that is the way that I would do my own books if I could see, and that is the way I did them when I could see; when I could see I did it myself, and since I cannot see I have somebody else to do it for me; and that is one of the best things I know of, to have an auditor go around and see that the funds are properly spent: I want to see them properly spent; I want to see every fireman helped. I have served now 50 years, not in a regular fire company, but I have been in a volunteer fire company 31 years; I have spent my time in it, but it matters not what happens to me I am not asking for a dollar of the fund; I never got where I have got a right to ask for it; the Lord has blessed me and my people and helped me to make what I have, and I have a little estate, a little bit, not so much, but enough to take care of myself; I don't deserve to get anything from this fund. If I were to contract pneumonia or anything else,—If I go out now and get wet,—my health is good yet,—but if I go out and get wet or anything I go home and take a little bit of,—well,—and I sweat it out, sweat it out, that is what I do, and I get back just as good as I was. Of course, just as you would expect, once in a while I get a little nervous, that is all. Mr. Brockwell has made a motion before this house and I arose to second it. I want to suggest, Col. Boyden, that when he appoints a couple of these fine young men,—we have a report here this year from the treasurer of every relief fund. I doubt over one-fourth of them has held a meeting in the last 60 days. I want Col. Boyden to include in that motion where he called for the auditor, that the President, that this Asso-

ciation instruct its Secretary to write to the chairman of each board of trustees, and within the next thirty days have a report made by the board stating in that report how many members were present, and then that Col Boyden's motion be put into effect; and I do hope you do this, because his is with you. Then this Association, which is the parent of the local associations, will be in a position to intelligently proceed as a parent should. I second Col. Boyden's motion and sincerely trust you will adopt it.

Col. Boyden:

I accept your suggestion.

The President:

I think this discussion here this morning has brought out some ideas here and some facts that you gentlemen have overlooked, and I am certainly glad it came up. Mr. Miller has told of your work and worry along this line trying to find out how the local committees were handling this money that belongs to you, and you have heard the motion now made by Col. Boyden and seconded by Sherwood Brockwell, that an auditor be appointed to visit the different towns and audit their books and make a report to the Insurance Commissioner, and he check it and make a report to this convention. Is there any discussion?

Mr. Caldwell: (Monroe)

Mr. President, right at this time it looks like our Secretary will partly get the blame for all of this. Of course he just takes the reports as they come in.

Mr. Boyden:

The appointment ought to be made by the President.

The President:

Col. Boyden, Mr. Caldwell has the floor.

Col. Boyden:

I beg your pardon, I thought he was through.

Mr. Caldwell:

I say there is some possibility that our Secretary gets the blame for these reports. I think some of the convention probably does blame the Secretary for not telling them what to do with it,

the fund that belongs in each city. I think the Secretary ought to be exonerated from any false report; that is the idea I have.

Mr. Stacey Wade:

I take it this appointment you are about to make carries with it a per diem?

The President:

I understood from Col. Boyden when he was addressing the convention that the expenses were to be paid from the funds of this Association. I understood him to say that.

Mr. Stacey Wade:

I should think he ought to have a per diem, because we cannot get men to work for nothing. It ought to come out of the general fund of this Association; appoint a good man, or two of them, and they should be paid a salary or a per diem and his expenses, and the account should be audited by the finance committee.

Mr. Boyden:

I take it, Mr. President, if this thing is done, that man will have some relief. He does all a Secretary can possibly do. Half of the time he gets no answers, like where he called the roll this morning and some thirty counties didn't answer at all by name. All I am trying to do, my dear fellows, is to help you, nothing else on the face of the earth. This man has not only to be an auditor, but an instructor of what you shall do with this fund; we want a fellow to put some life into it, and do what is right.

Mr. Jones: (Ayden)

I, in the past year, have been associated with the firemen of eastern Carolina, and I know that there is not five per cent of the firemen in eastern Carolina that read the by-laws or know what the connection of this fund is, what the accounting of this fund means, and I will venture to say there is not ten per cent of the secretaries and treasurers of this fund that really know what they are really engaged for, because of the questions that have arisen before us in my association with those people, and they are here for information; they don't read for themselves; while the by-laws, or at least the minutes of our meetings are forwarded to each and every organization,—the by-laws too, of course are included,—they are never read by most of the firemen or the regular firemen to the Association, and they do not know what is being done and

what is going on, and as one member suggested a while ago, I think that all reports that were in should be exonerated from this report that will be made by this commissioner, this auditor, and I feel that this will be money well spent by this Association, even if it cost us two or three thousand dollars to send this auditor out this year over the State to see that these funds are properly handled by the different fire companies. I feel that it will be money well spent, and I heartily approve of the motion.

The Secretary:

I believe I am going to say this, Mr. Wade, I am fully convinced in my mind that it is true the State Association does not want to take any back seat, but wants to take its responsibility and do its duty to the people who control and own this fund as well as to its own organization, but I feel that the Insurance Commissioner's office has a duty to perform along this line. I don't believe that the Insurance Commissioner's office should ask this Association to go down in its pocket and pay for doing this work which is going to be pretty expensive, and it may be that we are going to have to do it from year to year. Suppose you find conditions that you must spend money for this year, and when you cover the territory next year you have to put an officer on a salary who is going to work out there all the year on this proposition. I tell you before you undertake to pass his resolution at the present time you had better know where it is going to land you. I believe that the Commissioner is willing, is always willing and stands ready at any time to meet us on any proposition, and I would like to get him to express himself before you men now, see whether he is willing to go on record, go with us and see where this money is spent and what is done with it. We would like to know where he stands and what he thinks about it.

Mr. Stacey Wade:

I know that the Legislators of the State are absolutely behind the firemen of North Carolina. All of the cutting that was done in the past Legislature,—They cut my appropriation, I have had to get rid of three men, three employees from my department; they haven't given me money; they have crippled my department. Really, We have collected \$200,000.00 more than we have collected before, and we will pay to the State over a million and a half. We are ahead of the game over \$200,000.00 in general revenue. Well, the Legislature came along with all this necessity for cutting appropriations. They left this sacred fund here but cut the appro-

priation for the deaf, for the blind and the insane; but still they left this appropriation for the firemen of North Carolina, \$2,500.00 a year. I want to tell you that I realize my responsibility on this fund and I want to cooperate with you from the fullness of my heart. I want to promise you here today that when you appoint this auditor I will give you the best man I have in my department to go in every town and hamlet in North Carolina and check this up at the State's expense.

Mr. Nissen:

I am thoroughly in accord with the idea. Now, there is one little thing that I believe the auditor will overlook unless he looks them over very carefully. A great many of us, certainly all of the departments, have a few paid men. Now, it has been established that a man that received a salary from the city as a fireman or member of the fire department, he gets sick and his salary continues, he has not lost any time. That word "Time", by the interpretation of the Attorney General means that his money stops. Well, you go into the department there, they receive two ways, they have gotten their per diem from the relief fund and the State has paid their salary. Now, that is the point I want to raise. A great many of them think they have a right to pay a per diem to a man injured or sick, on account of sickness or injuries sustained in the discharge of their duty, but it has been ruled by the Attorney General that if his time goes on he has not lost time.

The President:

Is there any further discussion on this question? If not, as many as are in favor of the motion will say aye.

A Member:

What are you voting on, Mr. President?

The President:

The motion was that this Association appoint an auditor to travel over the State and audit the books of the treasurers of the Firemen's Relief Fund and report it to the Insurance Commissioner, and also to report it to this convention, the condition in which they find them, and if necessary, to bring action against the committees, the local committees in order that they may straighten up their books and accounts.

A Member:

Who pays for it, the Association or the State?

The President:

The Association pays for this auditor. Mr. Wade has just explained to you that he is willing to send the best man he has from his office to accompany the auditor and check up with him, check up these towns. Now, gentlemen, is that plain?

A Member:

Why do we have to have two men?

The President:

I don't know, Sir, Col. Boyden is the one that is putting the motion.

Mr. Bailey: (Kinston).

My question is, if Mr. Wade is going to give us a man, why should we have an auditor, wouldn't one be enough?

The President:

That is something that the Association has to settle.

Mr. Brockwell:

The point is this: Mr. Wade told you that he was willing to cooperate to the extent that he will send one man. Col. Boyden is to appoint one man,—that is his motion,—to talk the matter over with these men, find out about the different towns, talk the matter over them locally, see just what is being done. Now, as I say, Col. Boyden's idea is that this Association appoint some one who will work with the men; Mr. Wade's point is that whenever this Association, through its own representative, will come in contact, in proper contact with the custodian of these associations and secure the facts, that then he will have a man to help check these towns up.

Mr. Boyden:

Mr. Wade's proposition is that his man will be able to know and to make a report to the institution as to the condition of this fund. It is all for your sake, gentlemen, nothing selfish about it. It won't take anything like \$3,000.00. A man can go over this State and audit these different accounts for \$2,000.00 without any trouble.

The President:

I think you all understand it thoroughly now, and I am going to put the motion again. As many of you as are in favor of Col. Boyden's motion say aye.

Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor: (Kanapolis)

Mr. President. Kanapolis is a town of about 12,000 population, an incorporated town. We have never gotten any of the benefits. I want that question before the association, are we entitled to them. We have a fire department of 20 men.

The President:

How long have you been in existence?

Mr. Taylor:

About 20 years.

The President:

How long have you been a member of this Association?

Mr. Taylor:

I have been chief of the department five years. Between five and six years. Before that Mr. Johnson was chief. I have been a member of the Association around 15 years.

The Secretary:

Mr. Chairman, I guess it behooves me to answer that question, as that department is in my own county. This town, Kannapolis, is what is known as towel town, the biggest manufacturer of towels in the world, but it is an unincorporated town. I am going to answer that question for Mr. Wade and not bother him to get up. The law is that they can only collect this one-half of one per cent on insurance premiums only in a town where they are incorporated. This is not a case where they can. I expect this is one of the largest unincorporated towns in the United States. I am going to say that I know it is in North Carolina. If I am right, Mr. Wade, you need not answer that question; if you differ with me, then I know my idea is not the right one, but I don't think he has a right to collect this fund and turn it over to this business concern. I will state this, that about a year ago the fire department at Kannapolis had a fire that knocked one of the boys off the roof up there

and broke his arm, and I had them make an application for a local fund to the State Firemen's Association and he was paid \$140.00 for a broken arm. We took care of him.

Col. Boyden:

If that is the case, all we have got to do is to go to the next Legislature and incorporate the town of Kannapolis and pay his people, let him be a member of this Association and get some of this relief fund.

Mr. Harris:

There is a motion before the House to call the roll at 10:30. It is now 11 o'clock. While the house is full I suggest that we call the roll before somebody starts out.

Mr. President:

We deferred this roll call a while ago until 10:30 in order to see if any more of the delegates came in, and we got into this other question and it is now 11 o'clock. I am going to ask the Secretary to call the roll, and the towns that do not answer, this roll call will be final. Mr. Secretary, you will please call the roll of those who have not already answered.

The Secretary:

Biltmore Forest, Beaufort, Brevard, Chapel Hill, Elm City, Enfield, Fairmont, Freemont, Gastonia, (Here); Kings Mountain, Laurenburg, Lillington, New Bern, North Wilkesboro, Oteen, (Here); Rockingham, Roxboro, Smithfield, (Here); Wadesboro, Wendell, Zebulon.

The President:

Gentlemen, that leaves 19 towns not represented here this morning. Gentlemen, please keep order. I am going to ask if the Auditing Committee is ready to report at this time.

The Auditing Committee, composed of Messrs. Kesler, Nissen and Palmer bring in the report. Report read by Mr. Nissen.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE AT THE STATE FIREMEN'S CONVENTION AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, AUGUST 23-24-25, 1927.

We, your Auditing Committee, have audited the books and records kept by the State Secretary, John L. Miller, and report

the findings: The following receipts have been collected and turned over to the State Treasurer, for which he holds a receipt:

General Funds

To receipts	\$2,540.32
By disbursements	4,806.53

Relief Fund

To receipts	\$.00
By disbursements	751.25

Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund

To receipts	\$22,817.92
By disbursements	22,080.83

General Fund, Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund

To receipts	\$2,281.78
By disbursements	1,206.56

Fifteen assessments were called during year. Three were paid out of reserve fund.

By order of the Executive Committee the Secretary holds (\$————) Dollars.

Bonds. We recommend these be turned over to the State Treasurer.

We, your Auditing Committee, have audited the books and records kept by your State Treasurer, Chas. Schnibben, and hereby submit our report.

General Fund

To balance, last report	\$6,808.81
To receipts	5,054.75

Total receipts	\$11,863.56
By disbursements	\$4,868.60
To balance	6,994.96
	\$11,863.56

Firemen's Relief Fund

To balance, last report	\$10,348.32
To receipts	1,875.00

Total	\$12,223.32
By Disbursements	\$ 751.25
To balance	11,472.07

Total	\$12,223.32
Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund	
To balance last report	\$13,105.89
To receipts	23,566.46
Total	\$36,672.35
By disbursements	\$17,080.83
To balance	19,591.52
Total	\$36,672.35
General Fund Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund	
To balance last report	\$1,219.31
To receipts	2,290.67
Total	\$3,509.98
By disbursements	\$1,207.56
To balance	2,302.42
Total	\$3,509.98
Total balance in all funds	\$40,360.97
Total interest collected for the year	1,531.68

INVESTMENTS

Carolina Building & Loan Association, Washington, N. C.	\$11,500.00
Murchison National Bank, Wilmington, N. C.	9,211.03
Murchison National Bank, (checking) Wilmington, N. C.	4,053.03
Commercial National Bank, (defunct) Wilmington, N. C.	696.91
BONDS: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C.	2,500.00
BONDS: Rocky Mount Realty Company, Rocky Mount, N. C.	2,500.00
BONDS: Liberty Storage Company Winston-Salem, N. C.	5,000.00
BONDS: Carolina Discount Corp., Aberdeen, N. C.	2,000.00
BONDS: Hillcrest Silk Mills High Point, N. C.	3,000.00
Total	\$40,360.97

We recommend that funds invested in the Carolina Building & Loan Association, Wilmington, N. C., (the stock) be sold and re-invested in either United States Government Bonds or North Carolina State Bonds.

We further recommend that other Bonds owned by the North Carolina Firemen's Association be sold and re-invested in United States Government Bonds, or North Carolina States Bonds.

Relative to reports of the Treasurers of the local relief fund, there still exist some irregularities in the expenditures of some of the local bonds, and we recommend that the Secretary inform these boards how their funds shall be expended, and also report any irregularities to the Insurance Commissioner. It seems that some of the Relief Boards have not acquainted themselves of the law.

Fraternally submitted.

J. C. KESLER.

H. E. NISSEN.

G. H. PALMER.

Mr. Nissen:

Now, under the head of Bonds, we recommend that these bonds be turned over to the State Treasurer. We do that for the reason that the Secretary in his report show that he has them, when really he hasn't them. The Executive Committee ordered the Treasurer to turn them over to the Secretary for some reason, but this was not done, and your Secretary does not have them. He has no business with them, because it would jeopardize them if he took them out of the safety vault and brought them up here.

The President:

Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Auditing Committee, what is your pleasure?

It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

The President:

It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted, is there any discussion?

The Secretary:

Mr. Chairman: When you pass upon this report it means that the entire financial investment of this enterprise has got to be changed. You are now speaking, when you adopt this report your officers will be bound. I merely call your attention to that fact. I think that before that should be done that you ought to hear at least from a few of the members of the Executive Com-

mittee as to why they have done what they have done. In justice to them I feel, and I want to frankly admit, that there are other investments that are much safer than the investments this committee has made up to this time. In every investment you make there is a hazard if you get anything like a decent rate, and these investments that are now held by you are paying six per cent interest net. They are non-taxable, and that is what we have been realizing on them up to this time. Now then, if we must sell those twenty-six and one-half thousand dollars worth of bonds and building and loan stock, all that money will be invested in Government bonds at a much lower rate of interest than six per cent, because the Government does not pay that rate. I just merely wanted to state that to you from my standpoint, as to what we have done for you gentlemen in investing your money in the bonds which you now hold.

The President:

Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. Miller's explanation for the Executive Committee, is there any discussion?

Mr. Hay:

Do I understand the fraternal insurance money is to be handled by the Executive Committee, to be used otherwise too?

The President:

No.

Mr. Hay:

We heard the report that he was making, that he was reading out there, that he was reading out the fraternal insurance money.

The President:

He gave you the figures there.

Mr. Hay:

They made the recommendation.

The President:

Made the recommendation that the bonds and stocks be sold and re-invested in Government or State bonds.

Mr. Hay:

I understood him to say it was to money in hand.

The President:

No sir, I didn't understand it that way. The recommendation was, as I understand it, that all stocks and bonds and building and loan stocks be sold and the proceeds re-invested in Government or State bonds.

Mr. Hay:

Then what has the Association got to do with the fraternal fund?

Mr. Nissen:

This has got nothing to do with your local funds.

Mr. Schnibben:

As treasurer of your Association I have invested with the Carolina Building and Loan Association \$11,500.00 in paid up stock. This stock has been running for a good many years, in fact some of it will mature in the early part of next year, when you will get the accumulated interest. This stock draws five per cent, but the accumulated interest added to it will net you at least six per cent, a turn over of six per cent when matured. As I said, some of this stock will mature in the near future, and will become matured from year to year, because it has been taken out every year. Of course it is immaterial to me. The Carolina Building and Loan Association, I will ask Mr. Wade to speak for that. It is in good standing. We don't take any second mortgages, all securities on first mortgages. Of course it is immaterial to me if you wish it. The Carolina Building and Loan Association has got the money to pay it any time.

Mr. Nix:

Mr. Chairman: I believe building and loan stock is the best stock we can get today. For instance, we have a little building and loan association in the town in which I live. I think it is the safest and best investment that our citizens have got. It pays six per cent on money invested. If I understand the building and loan system, if we withdraw those shares from that building and loan we lose our interest. Should we hold them until they mature we get this interest. Should we hold them until they mature and re-invest them somewhere else, that would be more businesslike, but if we withdraw them we lose the interest. If this Association withdraws those shares in the building and

loan it would lose its interest it has accumulated for its stock. I have got forty shares in this little building and loan association, and I look upon it as the best investment I have. We will lose money if we withdraw those shares, we will lose our interest.

I thank you.

Mr. George McNeill:

That report sounds all right, gentlemen, all but one thing. We have had a bank failure in our town in the last ten days, and it has played the devil. If we take that money out of the building and loan it is going to cause talk. I know some of the officials of that company, they are all right. I think it is a mistake if we go into a thing like this. If as big a thing as this organization, the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, if the report gets out that we are going to withdraw money from as good a concern as that in Wilmington, it might do harm. I think we ought to eliminate that part of the report.

Mr. Dixon:

Speaking about this question that has been asked, could the Association get par for them, or would you have to sell them at a big discount? So far as the building and loan stock is concerned, I think that is good, but as I understand building and loan stock, after you are in it three years you get your interest. We don't have to draw it all out at one time. I believe it is a safe investment.

Mr. Soser: (Tarboro)

I move that the matter be left entirely to the Executive Committee. We are getting nowhere as we are.

Motion seconded.

Mr. Nissen:

I withdraw my motion just for the present. I made a motion to adopt the report. I would like to state this while I am on my feet, I don't think that it should be drawn out of the building and loan until it matures. I take it that it ought not to be drawn out until it matures, for we would lose our interest. Take the money that is loaned to the church in Salisbury, I know it is just as safe as Government bonds; we could get it out, but I don't know whether it is wise to do that or not, I doubt it. I believe the manner in which it has been operated is absolutely all right.

The President:

The motion, as I understand it now, the motion has been withdrawn and the motion before the convention now is that this matter be referred to your Executive Committee, left in the hands of your Executtive Commitee. Now, is there any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Foster:

I ask to be heard for a moment. As a visitor here and as a guest of your city, I am speaking to a body of men who take a gamble in life every day, 365 days in the year. Your State today is leading in the progressive movement, not only on the Atlantic coast but in all this great Union of ours. Why is it leading? Because North Carolina citizens have become confident that in the boundary lines of their State they have resources they can progress on. It is a fine thing, my friends, to invest in Government bonds; but it is also a fine thing to invest your money at home, to stimulate your industries at home, because the industrial part of your State makes life worth living in your State. I advise you gentlemen not to take your funds out of your own State, but to keep every dollar in your State to help your industries, and then just as soon as you do that you will bring your State into the limelight, all because you have got confidence in your own home State, and your own home. You can thrive on that.

Take, for instance, the building and loan associations, they have done more in building up your State than any other organization in it, and in mine and other states. Does a man ever realize when he takes out stock in a building and loan association and he pays that up, or he buys a home out of that, that he is drawing compound interest on the home that he is buying on his own investment? He is drawing interest on the money that he borrowed, that he had paid in himself. On every doller he will draw double interest in the building and loan, because the more it turns over and the faster it turns over the more money goes into its coffers. I tell you, gentlemen, when you are dealing with finance you are dealing in one of the greatest schemes of the world. I believe in North Carolina there are just as great race horse sports as anywhere. I believe North Carolina produces some of the sportiest people. Be a sport! Stimulate your home industries, and you boys may enjoy life and enjoy all these beautiful buildings and things you see here in your wonderful city of Greensboro. What has built Greensboro? It is the confidence that the people of Greensboro had in their city, in their State and

in the people who compose the citizenship of North Carolina; that is the thing that caused them to build better buildings, better public buildings, better homes, better fire stations for you men to live in.

I have enjoyed this visit here because I can see in the people here the human intelligence of the people that make up the State of North Carolina; they have become confident of themselves and are going ahead on a firm, businesslike basis. My friends, trust these men you have put in office, and if you can't trust them, my God! don't elect them.

Mr. Nissen:

As a member of that committee that made the recommendation,—you are always supposed to champion what you recommend. I don't propose to do that. So far as I am individually concerned, if it were a speculation of my own, I would leave it as it is. I want to say, so far as I am concerned, I simply wanted the body to have an opportunity of recommending an investment that was absolutely safe at a small rate of interest, or to say whether they would take a slight chance for more. That is all there is in it.

The President:

Is there any further discussion on this motion? If not, as many as are in favor of the motion will signify it by saying aye.

Motion carried.

A Member:

Mr. Foster, of Chapel Hill, says he is sick, not able to get out at the present time, and he would like to inquire as to when you can hear a statement from him as to why he was not here when the roll was called. He wants to go home.

The President:

For the information of Chief Foster I will say that the Executive Committee will hear your statement at any time. This matter has been closed by a vote of the convention. It is in the hands of the Executive Committee now.

Mr. Foster:

I am bound to go home. I am sick. I have been in bed since yesterday morning. I am going home just as quick as I can get away.

The President:

At this time Sherwood Brockwell has a matter to bring up, and I will ask him to present it for the Executive Committee.

Mr. Brockwell:

In the language of Bert Swan (?), I will state that Bert says, when he wants to make one of his beautiful talks, that he was suddenly caught in a crap game last night with loaded dice; said the negroes took it right seriously and they whittled him up right sharply; said one negro got a little mad at him and stuck a razor blade in his side and walked slowly around him all the way. Now, the only reason I am up here doing this is because whenever they have things to bring up they know I am good natured and will stand a lot of punishment. We have discussed a great many things here this morning; one was the Firemen's Relief Fund, and the next valuable asset is the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund, that is the next valuable asset in the Association.

The President:

Mr. Brockwell, may I suggest that you come over here a little nearer. We are unable to hear a word you say.

Mr. Brockwell:

All right, I will begin all over again. I say the next valuable asset in our Association is the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund. We have been living now five years and five months; in that five years and five months,—give me that coat,—we have averaged 9.76 dollars per man per year, and I submit that is a record which every fireman in North Carolina should rejoice in. I want to go on record as having said to you that as an investment in this association fund we have a surplus of some nineteen thousand dollars, nineteen and one-half thousand dollars, at this time, for five years and five months, and they carried this insurance at a rate of 9.76 dollars per year. They fixed it so that in my opinion no sensible man on earth can justly criticize the way it has been run. Now, after five years of experience your Executive Committee deems it wise to safeguard our fund, and to enable them to proceed without jeopardizing one dollar of that fine fund they asked the committee of which Mr. A. B. Horney was chairman, and Mr. J. B. Flora and myself were members, to call into our assistance Chief Nissen of Winston, Chief Bennet of Durham, and submit to the Executive Committee suggestions to strengthen the

rules and regulations and the by-laws of our Firemen's Fraternal Association, and this committee unanimously adopted these following suggestions, which we submitted to the Executive Committee of your Association, and they unanimously endorsed them, and we are now taking the privilege of presenting them to you under the head of "Membership."

Under the caption of Membership, repeal article No. 1 and submit in lieu thereof the following:

The Secretary:

"MEMBERSHIP"

1. Any active member in good standing with the State Association, and any Honorary member who has served five years as a fireman, in good standing with the State Association shall be eligible for membership in the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund."

Mr. Brockwell:

Now then, this section, on any policy now in effect, it does not touch that, but it is an effort to regulate who shall come in in the future. Do you understand that? Under the caption of Membership:

Repeal article 1 and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. Any active member in good standing with the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and any honorary member who has already served five years as an active fireman in a company having representation in the State Firemen's Association and who has for the past five years been in good standing with the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall be eligible for membership in the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund.

Sec. 2. The application of any person presented to the Secretary of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund for membership as an honorary member shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, sworn to and subscribed before a Notary Public by the three ranking officials of the Department or organization to which applicant has belonged to, or affiliated with, stating that such applicant has been an active member of an organized Fire Department in the State of North Carolina and is in good standing in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and has

been for the period of FIVE years immediately preceeding the presentation of his application.

Sec. 3. No application presented for membership either active or honorary shall be accepted by the Secretary of the Firemens Fraternal Insurance Fund if the age of the applicant is in excess of 55 years.

A. B. HORNEY,
J. B. FLORA,
H. E. NISSEN,
FRANK W. BENNETT,
SHERWOOD BROCKWELL,
Committee.

Mr. Kesler:

I move that it be adopted.

Motion seconded.

The President:

It has been moved and seconded that this item be accepted, the first item, is there any discussion?

Mr. Nissen:

That is in the form of a motion, we move to adopt it, but it has first to be considered, I think.

Mr. Brockwell:

You want to make the motion, merely move the adoption, it should be considered first and then adopted.

A Member:

If I understand the resolution, it is referred to the committee who can write a law and bring it back before the organization, and adopt it as a law.

Mr. Nissen:

I think the resolution has first to be considered, and immediately after it is considered it can be adopted.

The Secretary:

These by-laws and regulations may be repealed, amended or added to by vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee at any regular meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose, same to

be subject to approval of the North Carolina Firemen's Association at its next regular meeting. That is what the by-laws say.

A Member:

The Executive Committee did pass on it?

The President:

Yes sir.

Mr. Caldwell: (Monroe)

These men, these honorary members, in that law, in that amendment to it, are they supposed to pay the per capita tax or lose their membership, members who don't pay?

The President:

The laws says they are not entitled to the vote if they don't pay their per capita tax. It says members in good standing.

A Member:

It don't say anything about per capita tax.

Mr. Harper:

I just wanted to ask the question, if it affected a man becoming 55 years old from now on. I understand it does. If a man becomes 55 years old after now, then he could not join, but if he did join before he was 55 he can continue his insurance.

The President:

It doesn't affect him at all.

Mr. Brockwell:

The next recommendation in no wise touches on membership already existing, but it is based on the assumption on the part of the Executive Committee that the more assessment which can be put within the surplus fund the better it would be for other men participating therein, and it is based on the assumption that if the Association is required to mail a separate and distinct notice to each and every individual that it will affect, that it will take up a fund which would otherwise be paid out as an assessment, and relieve us of the \$1.10 in about one out of every seven instances. We further assumed that this is not only an executive committee's business, but it is the business of every fireman participating therein, and we think and we hope that every company participating in this Firemen's Fraternal Fund will have

enough interest in it at least to see that one man in that department will devote a little time in helping get the proper funds back to the Secretary, and we rely on this.

I will read you this.

The Secretary:

Suppose I read article 3. It is under the head of Assessment and Beneficiary Fund.

All assessments shall be levied by the Secretary, notice of which shall be promptly given to each member, and shall be payable to said President and Secretary within thirty days after the same shall have been levied.

Mr. Brockwell:

We suggest that you repeal Article 3, proceedings of 1926, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

All assessments shall be levied by the Secretary of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund, notice of which shall be promptly given by the Secretary of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund, who shall, upon receipt of notice of death of a member holding a policy of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund, notifying an officer of each department or company when there is no department, such officer,——

Now, gentlemen, is that clear?

That means this: That upon the death of a member holding a policy, that the Secretary of the Firemen's Relief Fund, upon receipt of such notice, notify some designated officer in your department or your company, and that, that officer notify the individual ones in the department, collect the money and send it to the Secretary. Is that clear?

The Secretary:

In other words, gentlemen, we are trying now to avoid a contention that may arise between members. This law as it now stands says that it is necessary for me to send a notice to each individual member. Now there is no doubt in my mind that, that ought not to be. We have been sending the notices, and we are just going to follow up what we have been doing, we are going to send the notices to the Charlotte treasurer, the Hickory treasurer, to the Brevard treasurer, to the Kinston treasurer and so on. Now, we have been doing this all the time. We have not been sending

a notice to individual members and the law, the by-laws say we should do. Now, we just want to strengthen our hands and put down in white and black what we have been doing, and continue to do it in the future.

Col. Boyden:

I am not exactly clear on this pension business.

The President:

It is insurance business.

Col. Boyden:

I mean insurance. Suppose now you have got a splendid fireman, stricken down, unable to write, hardly able to talk, do nothing, impossible for him to do anything; suppose he is down three, four or five months, and then suppose he dies, you are not going to cut that man's widow and children out of that fund?

Mr. Brockwell:

We will say this, Col. Boyden, before we go any further: For the work that you did, and for the things you stated in this convention, on this convention floor, this Association has gone on record as willing any company in the State of North Carolina who has a member who is carrying this insurance, and which they have reason to be satisfied he is unable to pay it, you can take the money out of the Fireman's Relief Fund and pay up his assessment.

Col. Boyden:

What I am driving at, suppose he forgets to pay it?

Mr. Brockwell:

Then it is his Secretary's duty to remind him of it.

Col. Boyden:

I don't want this man to be cut out of it, and this Association doesn't want him to be cut out of it either, and there ought to be some additional provision by which that man shall be paid. I want to know if he will be entirely obliterated.

The President:

Mr. Miller will reply.

The Secretary:

You have been speaking the last few words through a cold

blooded proposition. We are now discussing a proposition that is broader and closer than a cold blooded proposition. I hope there swells up within this breast of mine, so far as I shall serve these men, the desire that I shall never be responsible for a single policy lapsing. I never have been, and I sincerely trust I never will.

Col. Boyden:

I put a direct question, and I want an answer.

The Secretary:

I have not followed the law technically. We know no law except friend to friend and brother to brother in this organization. If I receive tomorrow an assessment that has been due for 60 days it is so recorded, no questions asked. I may not be following the law technically; but if any of you boys fail to pay your assessment and death ensues, then the law steps in and says you shall not have your money. That is up to you, so far as your Secretary is concerned. He never marks a man, never cancels his policy for non-payment; has not done it for five and a half years last past. When it comes to the question of losing your policy, you have done it yourself.

Col. Boyden:

You don't answer my question at all. I am just speaking as a feeble-minded man who is unable to attend to his own business, just speaking of a man in that condition. I know John Miller; I know that he tries to do the best he can, and I think he has done right. I know some time in my town I go a little beyond the law and take a little discretion in my own hands. That is what I do, and I don't hesitate to say it. I am not reflecting John L. Miller, because no man in the convention does more for us. We have got some men in my town absolutely deserving everything this convention can give them. I am speaking about the feeble-minded men, when a man comes to that. I may be feeble-minded, but I have got a heart still beating, right on the job for 27 years in behalf of these men. I am not reflecting on anybody, God knows I am not. I only wanted to know if a man who dies shall be deprived of his insurance.

Mr. Stacey Wade:

Of course the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund is a sentimental proposition. The law provides that each member of the

Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund must be notified of an assessment. Mr. Brockwell's proposition is illegal and cannot be adopted. There is no insurance company or fraternal society doing business in the State today but that the Secretary must notify each individual member on a postcard or some way, and deposit it in the mail, and notify him direct in that way of any assessment that is now due, and that resolution, you might call it, cannot be adopted, unless in direct violation of the insurance law.

Mr. Brockwell:

You have heard my boss and the law on that. That was merely an attempt on the part of your committee and your Executive Committee to act in good faith; acting in good faith in trying to lessen your burden.

The Secretary:

We are doing more for the members of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund in the way we give the notices now and have been doing it, than, I believe, we could in any other way. In the way we are doing now and have been doing it, we are rendering them a better service than if we were to attempt to give them notice each individually.

Mr. Wade:

My suggestion was that you could not adopt that resolution under the insurance laws, because you have not notified each member. It would only cost you two cents to mail a post card. You notify each member of an assessment now due, payable in thirty days. The other arrangement you have with your local man, with your fire department. The member of the order must be notified.

The Secretary:

Let me explain just a little. Our Order, when we levy an assessment say to J. C. Kesler, Secretary-Treasurer of the Greensboro Fire Department. He immediately gets in touch personally with every member holding a policy.

Mr. Stacey Wade:

Suppose he don't get in touch with the members?

The Secretary:

Suppose the post card would not be delivered?

Mr. Stacey Wade:

All right, you have done your duty as Secretary of that fund.

Mr. Kesler:

First of all I want to answer Col. Boyden's proposition. Everybody has been dodging the issue all the morning. The law now says that you have to give notice. The law says when you have a death to pay the assessment, give notice, and after thirty days' time you are the Judge Advocate. That is what the law says. That answers what he wants to know. Now, when John Miller sends me notice of a death I notify the men of the death,—

Col. Boyden:

He ought not to lose it.

Mr. Kesler:

Here is the other proposition: I take it that nearly everybody belongs to the Junior Order and an assessment through the National Order. Each of you fellows have an individual for a secretary, and he collects money out of you. If you don't pay you are the loser, you don't get your money. The same principle is brought before us in this resolution, and I think it is right and proper that it should be.

Mr. Wade:

The Junior Order was permitted to do business in North Carolina on a large scale.

Mr. Nissen:

I think we can clarify this by putting in that, as the Secretary expressed it, the authority to do what we have been doing. If he sends a card to each individual he would never in God's name collect half of it. Why not leave that standing as it is?

The Secretary:

There are a great many departments today that have printed form, post cards, and the secretary sends them out to these individual members. They are doing that today.

Mr. Nissen:

I see you have got the Insurance Commissioner against you. You can't argue against the law.

The Secretary:

I am not trying to do that. I want to say this, the minute you take the interest from the firemen in their local department out of this fraternal fund, you have lost the entire Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund. The boys get together, they talk about it, but it is very likely when they get that card they will say, "I don't think I will carry it any longer." In less than six months you have got less members.

Mr. Nissen:

Just add to the resolution, just notify each member by post card, and then comply with the law by notifying them. Just go along as you have been doing, just simply send out a post card. That is my idea.

Col. Boyden:

One of the easiest ways in the world, I will just point to my Secretary there,—he sends one of the firemen around to my house, he don't send a post card. I despise a post card. I never used one in my life. I hate them. Don't mean anything. I don't read them, just throw them in the waste basket. My secretary sends a fireman of the fire department around to my house to tell me there is \$4.00 due, and I write him a check. There has never been any trouble about collecting the funds with me. I think it is one of the best arrangements that can be made. I think we ought to raise this insurance to \$1500.00, we are able to do it.

Dr. Long:

You all are having quite a discussion up there. You are all interested in this organization, but you have left out one thing. That is that every organization in the home town has a Chief, and it is his duty not only to look after the firemen in health, but whenever a man is sick to visit him, and whenever he is notified of a death, or somebody dies, then the Secretary takes that out of the treasury and sends it to the Secretary, then we collect. Collect out of each other. We look after one another. That is the proper method, and through John L. Miller we will accomplish that end.

Dr. Branner: (Lexington)

I just want to tell you how we work ours, just like John L. Miller does. We have a local arrangement that makes each man pay \$2.20 into the treasury, just like he is paying it into the State Treasury. If my secretary gets notice of a death he immediately mails out that check, and then collects it himself.

The President:

As I understand this now, the motion was to accept each item as read. Honorable Stacey Wade tells us that is against the law. Now then, the question is, where are we?

A Member:

Let it stay where it is.

Mr. Nissen:

I submitted an amendment. If that is accepted it will take care of the situation.

The President:

I didn't understand you made a motion.

Mr. Nissen:

I made it in the form of an amendment. My amendment was, in addition thereto just mail each man a notice on a postcard.

Mr. Kestler:

As to the amendment before the house, I have just had a little conversation on the side with Stacey Wade, and he says leave it like we have it. There is a reason to that. John Miller don't know where ten men in North Carolina live, nor what their post-office address is to send them a postcard, but he does know who his local chief and secretary is. Let's not muddy the water, let's keep it clear, sweet and pure as we had it in the days gone by.

Mr. Secretary:

Now, he has raised a question that is vital, I tell you that. You gentlemen are working men, and you may not own your home, some of you, you are going from place to place. I want to say to you when you mail out two thousand or twenty five hundred post-cards that twenty five per cent of these notices could not be delivered to you by the postman, because he could not get the right address, because you haven't furnished it to me.

Mr. Stacey Wade:

I hope somebody will make a motion here this morning to table this amendment and let things go on just as you have. I will issue a ruling when I get back to the office that the notice Mr. Miller sends to the secretary of the firemen's association is notice to each member of the organization.

Mr. Harris:

I make the motion that this resolution be tabled. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Brockwell:

Now, gentlemen, the next one, we will discuss this phase of it. These men join the fire department, they serve perhaps say 23 months, some times a year, and then they leave the fire department. They leave the fire service entirely and this Fraternal Association is to take care of the active members who are in service, the men who have served for five years. Now, with that idea in view, your special committee and your Executive Committee unanimously approved this, and I submit it to you for your deliberation and argument, and its adoption if you deem it advisable.

Enact the following as Article 4, and move up other articles.

Article Four: Any active member whose connection is severed with the department through which his membership is carried and who has not served five years as an active fireman shall not receive further benefits from the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund, but should he at any time again become an active member of any department or company in good standing with the North Carolina Firemen's Association, the time previously served shall constitute a part of the required five years.

A Member:

I move its adoption.

The President:

Is there a second to the motion?

A member:

I second the motion.

The President:

The motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion?

Mr. Kestler:

Fellows, here is what I am afraid of about that: If you take a man as old as Charley Burrus, a North Carolina fireman, by rule of the Board of Aldermen, automatically he goes off as a fireman because he is too old, and the minute he goes off he loses his insurance. That is what it says.

The President:

Not if he has served for five years.

Mr. Kesler:

Charley Burrus has been in the fire department; he is 52 years when he comes in; at the end when he is 55 years old he has served three years; at the time he came in he made application for this fraternal insurance; when he goes out at the end of three years it is not granted; at the end of three years he has lost all that he put into it. I don't like that part of it.

Mr. Brockwell:

What is the matter with him staying two more years?

Mr. Nissen:

That you have there, that article, that means that you, Smith, in Greensboro or anywhere else, after you have served in that department or company for five years and hold a policy, an insurance policy, and you leave that department or in any way sever your connection with the department your policy automatically lapses. Of course your assessment ceased. Then should you re-join why then if you serve two years you are credited with two years; but I want you to understand that the man's policy automatically lapses at the time he severs his connection or his connection is severed from that department. His assessment ceases, but his policy automatically lapses.

Mr. Brockwell:

Mr friend, if you are a fireman in Kinston and you move to Greensboro and go to work here, if you join the Fire Department when you are in Kinston and serve one year there, and you come here and join here, you have only got to serve four years to make your five. If you go anywhere and join another fire department under the terms of this all the time you have served in the other department goes to your credit.

Mr. Stacey Wade:

That is a very serious proposition. A member of the fire department has been serving the State and his town for three years. He is a member of the fire department. He has paid his pro rata checks when he has received his notice of assessment, paid it absolutely, and Mr. Charley Gold comes in and tells him that he has got a job for him down there in the Jefferson Standard Insurance Company. He has been a member for three years, he cannot, on account of his present position serve longer, now, are you going to take something away from him because he can't? Is he to be discriminated against because he drops his policy?

The President:

For the information of Mr. Wade, and the information of the convention, if I am not mistaken about the law, the law as it is now, as it now stands, says that if a man has served five years and is in good standing with the Association the Association can continue his membership; otherwise he is dropped.

Mr. Wade:

Are you not discriminating?

The President:

I am telling you what the law is now. We are trying to take care of them now.

Mr. Wade:

The insurance laws forbid that there shall be any discrimination among fraternal orders. Now, there is a question in my mind as to whether that is discrimination. If he has been in there four years and nine months and Mr. Gold comes in and gives him a position with the Jefferson Standard and he drops his insurance, now can you discriminate against him? Isn't that discrimination?

The President:

On the other hand, when a man lapses, hasn't paid his dues, is he still entitled to carry his insurance?

Mr. Brockwell:

I don't want to appear as arguing against Mr. Wade, but here is the point, and it is well brought out here. To start with, sup-

pose I go down here and connect with the fire department, am a member of the fire department; I move to Walla Walla, and I don't make connection; it is impossible for this Association to know where I am; I am dropped. You say you cannot discriminate against me, why don't you? On the other hand, if a man, if I go up here in Mr. Gold's insurance company, I go up there and am in his employ; I daresay that he carries insurance on his employees, and if I go out of there, go elsewhere, I lose the policy, what becomes of the policy? I lose it. Yet, every insurance company in the world carries blank policies like that; it is an investment for you to stay there for that particular thing, and when you leave it you will voluntarily forego whatever good things go with that company or that association. Now then, gentlemen if this Association endeavors to carry on an insurance department, and the insurance fund has to protect every man who has belonged to a fire company for a few months and has stepped out, we could not do it. Now, that is the attitude I take because the Commissioner has not stated otherwise. Now then, it seems to me the thing to do is to keep your insurance fund intact; to keep in good financial standing, and to use your own judgment just like I am going to do when Dempsey fights Kersey. I am betting on Dempsey.

Mr. Caldwell:

I don't know, I may be out of order. Does that refer to the relief fund?

The President:

We are talking about the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance fund.

Mr. Caldwell:

Just as long as you pay the premium on an insurance policy you have got no law in the world that don't let you have it.

Mr. Wade:

Under the Fraternal Insurance Laws, in connection with fraternal orders, any action of the officers of that concern, the governing body of the fraternal insurance society, is the law; anything that this body does here is the law. The insurance laws are so written in here. My point was to acquaint the membership here of this. Anything they do here is the law, and there is no insurance law that will obviate it. Now, it is perfectly legal to adopt that last, provided the membership realize what they are doing.

The President:

Is there any further discussion on this motion?

A Member:

I would like to know who has got the right to vote on this motion?

The President:

The entire organization, as I understand it.

A Member:

Those that have got policies in the insurance company?

The President:

A representative of this Association has the same right to vote on this as on any other matter coming up, I take it.

The President:

If there is no further discussion we will have the vote. As many as are in favor of the motion will signify it by saying aye. Motion carried.

The President:

Gentlemen, please preserve quiet and let's get along, our time is getting short now. We have a lot of business to transact yet. Gentlemen, is there anything further to come before the convention under the head of new business before we go into the election of officers?

Mr. Wade:

We have a man with us whom I would like to present to the convention, a man from the red hills of Granville County; one of the most popular, one of the most beloved young man in the eastern part of North Carolina; he is well known to the City of Oxford, being its Mayor; he is behind the fire department; and as I said, he is the Mayor of the City of Oxford, and he is here today with his presence. I refer to the Honorable Thad Stem of Oxford.

Mr. Stem:

Mr. President, I think I can be heard from this point. I am glad to be here to attend my first convention, although I have been a fireman for 18 years. Mr. friend Mr. Wade referred to the fact that I was Mayor of the town of Oxford. A very old town, that Oxford, with a very young Mayor. I have been Mayor of Oxford for 12 years, but I have been a fireman longer than I have been Mayor, and God being willing, I shall be a fireman long after I have ceased to be a Mayor, because I am now serving on my last

term in that capacity, showing what I think of the two jobs that I now hold. (Great applause.)

Mr. Wade:

Pardon me just one more time, and I promise you I won't get up any more. We have with us Mr. Charles Gold, Vice President and Treasurer of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. In looking over the list gotten up showing the contributors to this convention I notice that the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company is the largest insurance company in the south; it has 325 million dollars of insurance in force; it is the greatest asset North Carolina has today, and I want to present to the convention Mr. Charles W. Gold, Vice President and Treasurer of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, and a friend of the young men in North Carolina. (Applause.)

Mr. Charles W. Gold:

Gentlemen of the North Carolina Firemen's Association: Were it not for the fact that I have been so thoroughly interested in your discussion here this morning I would feel that I owed myself an apology for not making my debut before. I have had a very busy week. We have been looking forward here in Greensboro to your visit for a good long time. It has been a real pleasure to have you here. You have been welcomed by the City, by the County, by the Chamber of Commerce and by the Fire Department, and I extend to you a hearty welcome from the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. I don't believe there is any organization that we feel more prideful of, or are under greater obligations to, than the Firemen of this State, and I know that is true of the insurance companies, the fire insurance companies and the life insurance companies, because we know that through their efforts and through their continually being on the job that we are saving money and in many cases lives, which cost us money. I say there are so many phases of the situation in which you as firemen have helped to look after the State of North Carolina. I am a North Carolina product. We are placed in a situation where we can take care of our own and look after North Carolina products. Now, I was especially pleased at the way you handled your problems. You solved those problems in a way particularly pleasing to see and to make you welcome in Greensboro. When you come to Greensboro you are coming home; so come again, gentlemen, and remember that the heart and pulse of North Carolina throbs in unison with your success and everything you do in every way, for the Government of this state is re-

flected in your presence, and anything you continue to do for the upbuilding and good of old North Carolina. I thank you. (Long and loud applause.)

The President:

Mr. Gold, we are pleased to have you here with us, and we appreciate what you have said to us.

The President:

Is there anything further to come before the convention? If not, we will proceed to the election of officers.

Mr. Ward: (Fayetteville)

We have a little problem in our city. Our relief fund is locked up in a defunct bank. We want to know what source to go to in order that we can get at it. We did not know, so we come to this body.

The President:

Right offhand I would say this matter would be handled by the Auditor appointed from this Association, and from Mr. Wade's office. I think that would be the proper time and place to handle it.

The President:

If there is nothing further, we will go into the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Harper:

I am going to take great pleasure in telling you a little story on an old friend of mine, and a friend of this Association, in presenting an old friend of mine as President of this Association for next year, and before I proceed, as I said, I want to tell you a little story on him. About forty years ago he had a sweetheart, and she went to school, and to a good school of his neighborhood, but in that day and time it was very stylish for them to wear their dresses down to their shoe tops, and their shoe tops had a great deal more leather in them than they have at the present time in the heel. This boy was very much in love with this girl, but he never had the pleasure of seeing her figure except in a long dress. In a few years she could not get the advantages of schools in New Bern like in Kinston, so she had her daddy move up to Kinston where he could send her to a better school. When she got through there, finished her education, I mean at the high school at Kinston, she was sent up here to Greensboro to finish at the College here, and

while she was at school here the little Free Press of Kinston, a daily published there, had a little local in it saying that Mary would be home to spend her Holidays, and Bob saw it, he was in town and read it, and he put all his little shillings together and on Saturday morning this fine man of Kinston started down Queen Street and he saw a beautiful girl come out of the drug store who looked very much like Mary. So he went up and found out that it was Mary. He says, "Hello, Mary." and Mary says, "Hello, Bob", says, "Hello bob, how you feeling?" He says, "All right." She says, "I am glad to see you, Bob", and he says, "I am glad to see you, Mary." So he couldn't think of anything else to say, all he could do was to notice that short dress that Mary had on. He had never seen Mary dress in the latest style. So he walked along, and he couldn't think of anything to say, like a young country fellow is when he meets his girl, and finally he scratched his head and said, "Mary, I didn't know you were bowlegged before." She says, "Bob, I am not bowlegged." He says, "well, what in the world is the matter with your legs?" She says, "They are pleasure bent." Now, when I left Kinston I was pleasure bent, and it is always a pleasure for me to come to Greensboro. I had a sister that graduated at your school here. I had a sweetheart here and used to come to see her. She was the most beautiful woman I ever saw, but the opposite attracts. I had a daughter that finished her education here. So you see I have contributed a little bit to Greensboro. I am proud to be connected with it. I now have the pleasure of nominating my friend, Bob Whitley, of New Bern, for President. (Loud applause.)

The President:

Are there any other nominations?

Mr. McCullon: (Mamlet.)

Mr. President: I am sure that I express the sentiment of the individual members of this Association when I say that we are thoroughly pleased with the handling of our affairs under the administration of the past year. We have in the make up of that personnel as fine a body of representative men from the different parts of the State as we could wish for, and that personel gives each of us a representative. We have Schnibben of Wilmington, Harris of Rocky Mount, Whitley of New Bern, Miller of Concord, and Duckett of Asheville. Now, we appreciate the service of these men, and we wish to express to them our sincere thanks for their efforts and the efficient manner in which they have handled our affairs. Now, we are short of time here, as our arguments have been long drawn out, and I would suggest to you that we extend

the term of the entire body of our present officials for the coming year; that we re-elect them and hold their names in abeyance for the next regular election.

A Member:

I second the motion.

Mr. Lewis: (Stateville)

I rise to second the gentleman's motion.

The President:

I will ask Col. Boyden to preside.

Col. Boyden:

Fellow comrades, you have heard the motion, is there any discussion upon the motion? It seems that we are a little premature, there is the name of Mr. Bob Whitley, he has been nominated. Now the present incumbent ought to be nominated before we cast the vote. Is there a motion here that the entire membership of the entire executive officers be re-elected?

A Member:

That was the motion, and then there was the name of Mr. Bob Whitley for President.

Mr. Harper:

I take the liberty, without consulting my friend at all, for if that is the wish of the convention, I know Bob Whitley is one of the most loyal firemen in North Carolina, and I take great pleasure, Sir, in saying in behalf of him that he is willing to withdraw his name, and let it go on for twelve months longer like it is now.

Col. Boyden:

All that are in favor of retaining the officers of this Association for another year will make it known by saying aye. Unanimously carried.

The President:

Gentlemen, the next thing now is the selection of a meeting place for the convention next year.

The Secretary:

Mr. Chairman, by request I would like to invite the delegates that are here from Lumberton this week to come to the front. Come up here in front, gentlemen.

The President:

Just one minute before the gentlemen from Lumberton come up here. I want to call your attention to the question box over here. Please write your questions and put them in the question box, because we are going to try to handle that part of it before the convention closes, and if we don't get to work on it we don't be able to handle the round table discussion.

Mr. Glover: (Lumberton

John Miller, the Secretary, just told you we had a delegation from Lumberton. This delegation consists of the Mayor, the Board of Commissioners and others from Lumberton, but the Mayor had a little sickness in his family and was called to his home in Asheville; so he left yesterday. We have a wire from the Mayor expressing his regrets as not being able to come. Mr. Miller, the Secretary, has several telegrams from different business organizations, particularly from every civic organization we have in Lumberton. Now, I am not an "Orator," but I want you to know we want you down in Lumberton next year. If you come down there we will entertain you and give you a good time. You will go into the Governor's home town, and I think the Governor will be mightly pleased to turn over his home to you while you are there. We hope you will come.

The President:

Are there any others?

The Secretary:

I will now read the telegrams and letters from Lumberton.
(Here insert letters and telegrams)

A Member:

I would like to have Col. Harper of Kinston extend an invitation for the Association to meet in Kinston next year.

Mr. Harper:

I appreciate that. Kinston has wanted this Association for a number of years. She has never been able before in her history to take care of them; we didn't have the hotel facilities to take care of them, and therefore we have never invited you there. We would be very glad indeed to have you come to Kinston next year. Now, if you see fit to come, you will find a welcome on the outside of the door awaiting you, and you pull that old latch string whenever you get ready. We want you to come to Kinston.

Mr. Whitley:

I would ask that every member of the New Bern Fire Department to please stand up, we want the convention to see them.

The President:

Mr. Whitley asks that the members of the Fire Department of New Bern stand up.

Mr. Whitley:

I am very sorry there are not any more of them here.

The President:

Over there they are behind you.

Mr. Whitley: ---

We came today asking the North Carolina Firemen's Association to meet with us in 1928. There is no need of my trying to tell you what is down there, or what will be down there. You have been down there in 1895, 1910, and 1915, if I am right, and you all know what you found, and you all know what you left. Now, we extend to you an invitation to come and be with us, and we assure you that we will do the best in our power to entertain you. I thank you.

The President:

Are there any others?

Mr. Harper:

I take pleasure in withdrawing Kinston so that we can settle this matter at once.

The President:

Gentlemen, as it now stand there are two towns.

Mr. Lewis:

I move that we go to New Bern.

The President:

Shall we vote or call the roll?

A Member:

Rising vote.

The President:

Gentlemen, we will vote on the town of Lumberton first, they being presented first. All in favor of Lumberton for the next convention city please stand.

The President:

All in favor of New Bern please stand. (Practically the whole audience stands.)

The President:

New Bern has it so that New Bern will be our next convention city.

Mr. Nissen:

I would like to move that our Secretary be instructed to extend our great appreciation to the citizens of Lumberton and Kinston who have extended their kind invitations for us to meet with them. (Motioned seconded)

The President:

I hear of no objection, and I ask that the Secretary do so.

Mr. Nissen:

I move that the Secretary be instructed,—or that the President be instructed to appoint a committee on resolutions to look after such affairs as extending our thanks of appreciation, etc. as in the rush of business of the convention some times these matters are overlooked. I would like to submit that motion, and I move that we extend to Greensboro, the Chief of the Fire Department, and every one welcoming us here, the good citizenship in its entirety, our appreciation for our most courteous and cordial entertainment here.

The President:

Is there a second to that motion? Motion seconded. Unanimously carried.

Mr. Brockwell:

I do this on my own hook, I have not been asked to do it, but these four fine Higgins Sisters who have been without doubt the hit of this convention, are native girls, high school girls, on their way to college next year. I want their names especially out in that resolution, and if this convention deems it advisable, I ask the President to give them a little more consideration than just printed words. I don't know but what it would be a good idea for this Association to leave something to help these girls go on to College next year.

The President:

I think Mr. Brockwell's point is well taken. I believe the members of this convention have enjoyed hearing these young

ladies during their performances here, and I am glad that he brought it up. They will be remembered, I hope, by the committee on resolutions.

Col. Boyden:

This convention cannot possibly adjourn without doing the right thing, and the next thing is to extend our thanks to the Chief. I want you all to rise and thank Chief Shaw. (Great and prolonged applause.) (Rising vote of thanks to Chief Shaw.)

The President:

Chief Shaw has some remarks to make, and probably some notice to give you. Chief Shaw, will you come forward?

Chief Frank Shaw:

Mr. President, Fellows: I wish I had an hour to tell you of my appreciation of you fellows who have come up here. I hope it will be as much pleasure to Bob Whitley and his city next year as it has been to me and the citizens of Greensboro while you have been here in our midst. I don't think I ever was as proud of this Association in my life,—in fact I know I have never been, as I am this morning. I have received telephone calls, and people have stopped me on the streets, and they say they have never seen, never had an organization visit this town that has conducted itself as you fellows have (Loud applause). They are the best bunch of fellows they have ever come in contact with in their lives; and to demonstrate the fact, I have been here 21 years myself, and never has there been such an audience as turned out on Main street yesterday afternoon to their appreciation. At the time this convention started—when we knew it was coming here—I want to say this one word, that the finances to put this thing over were raised in four hours' time; it could have been done in ten minutes. The people of Greensboro are behind the Fire Department. They look at it as one of the greatest organizations in Greensboro. Well, it is. The insurance companies are behind us; Greensboro is behind us; the churches are behind us; the Sunday schools are behind us; every organization in Greensboro is behind the Fire Department and the firemen of North Carolina. This thing isn't through yet, so just stay on as long as you will; stay in our presence and visit us and enjoy yourselves, the funds haven't run out yet. If you see fit to do so, stay with us until Saturday, or make it Sunday if you can, and I will show you one of the biggest Sunday schools in North Carolina down at the Central Fire Station. Our idea was to put this organization on a higher plane, and I trust it will be done. I hope we have done something here to put

it on a higher plane, on its broad way to everlasting peace. I wish you could come back again and be with us next year, but my friend Bob Whitley seems to be thirsting to have you come to his town next year. I want you fellows to bear in mind that if you conduct yourselves in Bob Whitley's town as you have done here, God only knows where this thing will stop.

Now, in winding up, I want to say this: I hope every one of you will proceed to make Greensboro your home in the future, at some time, and if so, you will get the same welcome that you have here in the past few days you have spent with us. I wish I could take every one of you home with me, take you right square into the home and have you stay with me. God knows I love every one of you, and I want to do everything I can to make you fellows satisfied while you are here, but, as you know, it is hard to do everything right. No doubt I deserve criticism,—in fact I know I do, but it is hard for one man to look out for everything at a time like this. Now, I won't attempt to fill you up with words of hospitality, but we are going to take you out here and fill you up with PIG. (Loud applause.) Now, this dinner they have prepared they inform us will be ready at 12 o'clock, and we are to be there to eat it. On our way out there we promise to drive you around the city. I told the ladies that we would take them to Sedgefield, but they wanted to go with the men, and I don't blame them. We are going to take them with us; they deserve it, God bless their souls! I think they are the cause of making this convention what it is. I would like to see more of them here; they help us put this thing up on a higher plane. Now, this dinner will be at the Firemen's Club, just about three miles out Battle Ground Avenue. On our way out there, you know our old friend, P. O. Hebert, God bless his soul! has brought a big pump down there and left it for us to use in this convention. Now they want to demonstrate this, and on our way out there, on our way driving around the city, it is on our way to the Club house,—I say if you go out North Klm street, which is Main street, until you get to Wenover Avenue, which is on our way to the Club House, and turn to the left down there, that pumper is setting up there with one of the greatest testing nozzles you ever saw, which Chief Ooster from Portsmouth will tell us about. I insist that every one of you go out there to this dinner today; this stuff is out there to eat, and we want you to go out there and help us eat it.

Gentlemen, God bless you; come back here and see us again, every one of you. (Long and loud applause.)

The President:

Mr. Whitley has something to say.

Mr. Whitley:

Mr. President, Gentlemen of the State Firemen's Association, and the Visitors and Guests of the State Firemen's Association: New Bern wants to extend to P. O. Hebert and his bunch, Mr. Foster of Portsmouth, and any other visitors out of the State, a cordial invitation to be at New Bern in 1928. If you are not there we are going to feel like you don't want to come.

The President:

Gentlemen, Mr. Miller has some remarks to make.

Mr. Miller:

John Lewis, are you employed?

Mr. Lewis:

No sir.

Mr. Miller:

Well, we may need you, and you may have to get Bob Douglas to help us. I wish you to pay attention. Last year down at Morehead City most of us drank too much water, and we forget something; we have lost something. Last year we placed in the hands of George Mabry (?) six stop watches for use there. I don't want to charge you with larceny, gentlemen. Now if those watches are anywhere we would like to have them. We bought them and own them. I had them in my custody for one or two years after we had gotten them. I turned them over to Mr. Horney and he carried them to Morehead City last year, and when we all left we left the watches. If any of you know where they are we would appreciate you advising us. We will meet in the lunch room of the O. Henry Hotel adjoining the ball room tonight at eight o'clock. There is where we will try for position, the motor and the reel teams. Have your captains there and be ready to name them. I want to say another thing, I don't know what the program is for tomorrow, but with the assistance of Sherwood Brockwell we will be on the race course in plenty of time to start. Which comes first, the motor or the reel races?

A Member:

Reel races first.

Mr. Miller:

Chief Shaw, what is your purpose, you want two grand stands? I mean one for the forenoon and one for the afternoon?

Chief Shaw:

Yes sir.

Mr. Miller:

How many motor teams are there?

A Member:

Fifteen.

Mr. Miller:

Would it suit you, gentlemen of the Convention, and Mr. Chief, and the people of Greensboro to begin our work as early as ten o'clock, or is that too early?

A Member:

Make it 9:30.

Mr. Miller:

How many reel teams are there?

A Member:

Five or six reel teams.

Mr. Miller:

If there are only six we can complete them all in two hours.

Chief Shaw:

Pardon me, one thing I left off. Now, about the way of getting out to this picnic. All of those who can take some of your friends and delegates with you, I wish you would do so, but all those who have not got cars, if they will be down at the Central Fire Station, we will see that they get out there. Now, tonight there is the big dance or ball at the King Cotton, and then I am going to also pull off another street dance, so that those that don't want to go to the ball can go to the street dance. All those that have badges are entitled to go to the ball room without the cards. I believe that is all. Thank you. (Applause.)

Mr. Brockwell:

Everybody stand up. When I say "One two three" we will give the 1927 State Firemen's Association yell. Now, one two three, "Oh Shaw!, Oh Shaw!, Oh Shaw."

ADJOURNMENT.

Report of Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund 1926-1927.

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Aberdeen	-----	5.00	202.09
Asheville	401.25	394.80	12,288.75
Andrews	-----	-----	274.14
Ayden	-----	63.70	347.43
Beaufort	65.55	83.00	384.05
Benson	-----	-----	334.43
Biltmore	-----	228.16	257.16
Black Mountain	45.29	2.50	226.82
Bryson City	-----	7.70	41.34
Carthage	13.09	-----	335.62
Chapel Hill	124.28	185.31	398.55
Charlotte	1,375.06	1,434.47	23,482.50
Clinton	-----	-----	607.87
Concord	349.00	32.00	3,455.17
Dunn	30.52	69.60	1,181.50
Durham	344.05	73.00	9,991.24
Edenton	59.20	-----	1,528.51
Elizabeth City	478.00	-----	2,132.82
Elkin	121.84	5.50	698.03
Farmville	153.20	42.50	1,000.28
Fayetteville	-----	200.00	2,110.89
Forest City	59.08	-----	208.01
Franklinton	3.45	-----	88.68
Gastonia	770.00	487.16	3,581.99
Gibsonville	40.14	2.50	182.59
Goldsboro	275.37	1,683.00	3,409.96
Graham	34.30	-----	878.90
Greensboro	597.93	1,355.00	15,460.50
Greenville	160.00	376.50	4,049.96
Henderson	592.19	12.50	4,347.32
Hickory	194.09	380.72	1,622.54
High Point	330.06	1,510.70	7,637.77
Kings Mountain	-----	10.50	492.75
Kinston	8.51	543.65	1,997.86
Laurinburg	-----	7.00	1,563.07
Leaksville	-----	5.00	418.79
Lenoir	280.51	5.00	2,076.49
Lexington	250.24	50.00	1,151.79
Lincolnton	60.72	10.00	1,273.28
Louisburg	127.01	10.00	1,795.94

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Lumberton	56.91	38.00	2,335.26
Marion	-----	12.50	685.54
Mooreville	14.33	370.00	486.80
Monroe	272.39	74.97	1,084.22
Morehead City	114.35	21.65	732.58
Morganton	-----	5.00	1,352.23
Mount Airy	176.83	29.50	3,961.81
Mount Olive	-----	-----	866.82
New Berne	111.09	172.50	2,774.88
Newton	122.39	-----	765.96
North Wilkesboro	-----	-----	1,368.66
Oxford	102.36	-----	2,636.89
Raeford	-----	-----	-----
Raleigh	711.98	2,613.94	2,976.22
Reidsville	408.69	25.00	4,087.75
Roanoke Rapids	153.11	13.00	1,169.98
Rocky Mount	1,273.85	25.00	8,016.32
Rockingham	79.36	150.00	1,929.91
Roxboro	-----	-----	640.50
Salisbury	703.16	375.00	4,830.88
Sanford	41.07	-----	1,484.36
Shelby	75.77	-----	1,970.08
Smithfield	-----	241.70	21.97
Southern Pines	-----	224.00	1,961.40
Tarboro	-----	-----	3,068.55
Thomasville	69.55	3.00	1,471.41
Washington	248.42	120.00	4,602.18
Wake Forest	81.15	-----	335.28
Wadesboro	87.28	-----	2,285.06
Waynesville	51.44	-----	603.89
Wilmington	-----	-----	23,374.77
Wilson	372.77	199.00	9,692.13
Winston-Salem	3,321.19	100.00	19,773.11

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An Act to Incorporate the North Carolina State Firemen's Association

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened:

Section 1. That C. D. Benbow, J. G. Fowler, H. J. Elam, A. T. Boyd, C. F. Thomas, J. R. Donnell, Charles Whittington and S. D. Wilson, of Greensboro; J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville; J. T. Thacker, W. F. Keith, S. A. Sink, C. D. Snipes, F. H. Vogler, F. C. Meinung, of Winston-Salem; E. B. Englehard, T. W. Blake, F. H. Lumsden and F. Brannon, of Raleigh; H. E. Heartt, of Durham; J. B. Swinson, of Charlotte, and such other persons as are associated with them, and their successors be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and may by that name sue and be sued and prosecute and defend suits in all courts in the State and may have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure. May take contracts and be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real or personal estate for the benefit of said Association or corporation, provided, the said corporation shall not any time hold real or personal state of greater amount than ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

Section 2. The purpose for which said Association is organized is: The protection and promotion of the best interests of the firemen of North Carolina, the compilation of fire statistics, the collection of information concerning the practical workings of different systems of organizations, the examinations and inquiries concerning the merits of the different kinds of apparatus in use and the improvements in the same, the cultivation of a fraternal fellowship between the different companies of the State.

Section 3. Said Association or corporation shall have power to appoint officers, hold meetings, adopt Constitution and enact such By-Laws in such manner as their Constitution may prescribe, and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects and aims of the Association; provided, that such Constitution and By-Laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the Constitution of the State and of the United Staes.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 11th day of March, A. D., 1889.

The North Carolina State Firemen's Association

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony of action, insure prosperity and promote the best interests of the Firemen of North Carolina, and compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of the different apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires, also the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the several Fire Departments of the State do, hereby establish the following Constitution and By-Laws:

RULES OF ORDER

1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum; all questions of order shall be decided by him, subject to an appeal of the Association.

2. Every member when he speaks shall rise, standing in his place, addressing the presiding officer, and shall omit personalities and confine himself to the questions under debate.

3. When two or more members shall rise at once, the presiding officer shall name the one who shall speak first.

4. A member when called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain by the Chair. If there be no appeal, the decision shall be conclusive.

5. Every delegate shall vote, unless excused by the Association, but no delegate shall vote on any question in which he shall have a direct individual or pecuniary interest, and the President shall only vote in case of a tie.

6. The ayes and nays shall be taken and entered upon the minutes of the Association, if required by three delegates.

7. All business not provided for in these By-Laws shall be transacted according to the parliamentary rules that govern deliberate bodies. No less than the representative of five companies shall constitute a quorum.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

ARTICLE 1--STATE APPROPRIATIONS

6056—Annual Appropriation

The sum of two thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated annually and shall constitute a "Firemen's Relief Fund."

6057—Payment by State Treasurer.

The treasurer of the state shall pay the amount constituting the firemen's relief fund on the warrant of the auditor, one-fourth to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association, properly chartered by law, and three-fourths to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. The treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association shall give bond, and the Association shall disburse the funds in the same manner and under the same rules as the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

6058—Application of Fund

The money so paid into the hands of the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall be known and remain as the "Firemen's Relief Fund" of North Carolina, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, members of such association, who may be injured or rendered sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of duty as firemen, and for the relief of widows, children, and if there be no widow or children, then dependent mothers of such firemen killed or dying from disease so contracted in such discharge of duty; to be paid in such manner and in such sums to such individuals of the classes herein named and described as may be provided for and determined upon in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of said association, and such provisions and determinations made pursuant to said constitution and by-laws shall be final and conclusive as to the persons entitled to benefits and as to the amount of benefit to be received, and no action at law shall be maintained against said Association to enforce any claim or recover any benefit under this article or under the constitution and by-laws of said Association; but if any officer or committee of said Association omit or refuse to perform any duty imposed upon him or them, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any proceedings against said officer or

committee, to compel him or them to perform such duty. No fireman shall be entitled to receive any benefits under this section until the Firemen's Relief Fund of his city or town shall have been exhausted.

6059—Treasurer to File Report and Give Bond

The Treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall make a detailed report to the state treasurer of the yearly expenditures of the appropriation under this chapter on or before the end of the fiscal year, showing the total amount of money in his hands at the time of the filing of the report, and shall give a bond to the State of North Carolina with good and sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the treasurer of the State of North Carolina in a sum not less than the amount of money on hand as shown by said report.

6060—Who Shall Participate in the Fund

The line of duty entitling one to participate in the fund shall be so construed as to mean actual fire duty only, and any actual duty connected with the fire department when directed to perform the same by an officer in charge.

6061—Who May Become Members

Any organized Fire Company in North Carolina, holding itself ready for duty may, upon compliance with the requirements of said constitution and by-laws become a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and any firemen of good moral character in North Carolina, and belonging to an organized fire company who will comply with the requirements of the constitution and by-laws of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association may become a member of said association.

6062—Applied to Members of Regular Fire Company

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any fireman who is a member of a regularly organized fire company, and is a member in good standing of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

ARTICLE 2—FUND DERIVED FROM FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES

6063—Fire Insurance Companies to Report Premiums Collected

Every fire insurance company, corporation or association doing business in any incorporated town or city in North Carolina that has, or may hereafter have, a regularly organized fire department under the control of the mayor and city council or other governing body of said town or city, and which has in serviceable condition for fire duty apparatus and equipment amounting in

value to one thousand dollars or more and which enforces the fire laws to the satisfaction of the insurance commissioner shall return to the insurance commissioner of the state of North Carolina a just and true account of all premiums collected and received from all fire insurance business done within the corporate limits of such towns and cities during year ending December thirty-first, or such portion thereof as they may have transacted such business in such towns and cities. Such companies, corporations, or associations shall make said returns within sixty days from and after the thirty-first day of December of each year.

6064—Tax On Receipts For Premiums.

Every fire insurance company, corporation or association as aforesaid shall, within seventy-five days from December thirty-first of each year, deliver and pay to the state insurance commissioner the sum of fifty cents out of and from every one hundred dollars, and at that rate, upon the amount of all premiums written on fire and lightning policies covering property situated within the incorporated limits of such towns and cities during the year ending December thirty-first in each year, or for such portion of each year as said company, corporation, or association shall have done business in said towns and cities.

6065—Insurance Commissioner to Investigate Returns and Collect Tax

Every such company, corporation, or association shall make accurate returns of all business done, both on fire and lightning insurance, covering property situated within the limits of such towns and cities; and in case any fraud, misrepresentation, or mistake of any returns, as provided for in this article, be apparent, it shall be the duty of the insurance commissioner to investigate such returns and collect the amount which he shall find to be due.

6066—Penalty For Failure to Pay Tax

Every fire insurance company, association, or corporation aforesaid which shall knowingly or wilfully fail or neglect to report or pay over any of the money due on premiums are aforesaid, at the times and in the manner specified in this article, or shall be found upon examination to have made a false return of business done by them, shall for each offense forfeit and pay the sum of three hundred dollars for the use and benefit of the fire department of such town or city, to be recovered in a civil action in the name of the town or city.

6067—Insurance Commissioner to Pay Fund to Treasurer

The insurance commissioner shall deduct the sum of five per cent from the money so collected from the insurance companies,

corporations, or associations, as aforesaid, and pay the same over to the treasurer of the State Firemen's Association for general purposes and the remainder of the money so collected from the insurance companies, corporations, or associations, as aforesaid, doing business in the several towns and cities in the state having, or that may hereafter have organized fire department as provided in this article, said insurance commissioner shall pay to the treasurer of each town or city to be held by him as a separate and distinct fund, and he shall immediately pay the same to the treasurer of the local board of trustees upon his election and qualification, for the use of the board of trustees of the firemen's local relief fund in each town or city, composed of five members, residents of said city or town as hereinafter provided for, to be used by them for the purpose as named in section 6069.

6068—Trustees Appointed; Organization

In each town or city complying with and deriving benefits from the provisions of this article there shall be appointed annually in January, a local board of trustees, known as the trustees of the firemen's relief fund, to be composed of five members, two of whom shall be named by the members of the local fire department, two by the mayor and board of aldermen or other local governing body, the remaining member by the State insurance commissioner, all to hold office for two years or until their successors are appointed, and to serve without pay for their service. They shall immediately after appointment organize by electing from their members a chairman and a secretary and treasurer, which two last positions may be held by the same person. The treasurer of said board of trustees shall give a good and sufficient bond in a sum equal to the amount of moneys in his hands, to be approved by the insurance commissioner, for the faithful and proper discharge of the duties of his office.

6069—Disbursement of Fund by Trustees

The board of trustees shall have entire control of the funds derived from the provisions of this article, and shall disburse the funds only for the following purposes:

1. To safeguard any fireman in active service from financial loss, occasioned by sickness contracted or injury received while in the performance of his duties as a fireman.

2. To provide a reasonable support for those actually dependent upon the services of any fireman who may lose his life in the fire service of his town, city or state, either by accident or from disease contracted or injury received by reason of such service. The amount is to be determined according to the earning capacity of the deceased.

3. To safeguard any fireman who has honorably served for a period of five years in the fire service of this city or town from ever becoming an inmate of any almshouse or actually dependent upon charity.

4. To provide for the payment of any fireman's assessment in the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the State of North Carolina, if the board of trustees find as a fact that said fireman is unable to pay the said assessment by reason of disability.

6070—Trustees to Keep Account and File Report; Effect of Failure

The board of trustees shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and disbursed by them, and shall at the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association render an itemized statement of the same, for publication in the annual report, a copy of which report shall be made annually to the state insurance commissioner; and in case any board of trustees in any of the towns and cities benefitted by this article shall neglect or fail to perform their duties, or shall wilfully misappropriate the funds entrusted to their care, or shall neglect or fail to report at the annual meeting at the state association, then the insurance commissioner shall withhold any and all further payments to said board of trustees, or their successors, until the matter has been fully investigated by an official of the State Firemen's Association, and adjusted to the satisfaction of the state insurance commissioner. Should such payments be unadjusted for a period of fifteen months from the time when such payments would otherwise have been made then the insurance commissioner shall pay over the said amount to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and shall constitute a part of the firemen's relief fund.

6071—Municipal Clerk to Certify List of Fire Companies; Effect of Failure

The clerk of any city, town or village or other municipal corporation having an organized fire department shall, on or before the 31st day of October in each year, make and file with the insurance commissioner his certificate, stating the existence of such department, the number of steam, hand or other engines, hook and ladder trucks and hose carts in actual use, the number of organized companies, and the system of water supply in use for such departments, together with such other facts as the insurance commissioner may require, on a blank to be furnished by him. If the certificate required by this section is not filed with the insurance commissioner on or before October thirty-first in any year, the city, town or village so failing to file such certificate shall forfeit

the payment next due to be paid to said board of trustees, and the insurance commissioner shall pay over said amount to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and same shall constitute a part of the firemen's relief fund.

6072—Fire Departments to Be Members of State Association and Send Delegate to Meeting

For the purpose of supervision and as a guaranty that the provisions of this article shall be honestly administered in a business-like manner, it is provided that every department enjoying the benefits of this law shall be a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, send at least one accredited delegate to the annual meeting of said association and comply with its constitution and by-laws. If the fire department of any city, town or village shall fail to send at least one delegate to the annual meeting of the State Firemen's Association and otherwise fails to comply with the constitution and by-laws of said Association said city, town or village shall forfeit its right to the next annual payment due from the funds mentioned in this article, and the insurance commissioner shall pay over said amount to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and same shall constitute a part of the firemen's relief fund: Provided, however, that the failure of any department to have a delegate or representative present at the annual meeting of the association shall not have such effect if in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Committee of said association such delegate or representative had a valid excuse for his failure so to attend.

6073—No Discrimination On Account of Color

Inasmuch as there are in a number of towns and cities of this state fire companies composed exclusively of colored men, it is expressly provided that the local board of trustees shall make no discrimination on account of color in the payment of benefits. The treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall pay to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association one-sixth of the funds arising from the five per cent. paid him by the insurance commissioner each year, to be used by said North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association for general purposes.

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly, read three times and ratified, this 21st day of February, 1925.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Article II

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician, and they shall constitute the Executive Committee and will hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Article III

Section 1. The members of the Association shall consist of the several Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of the Fire Departments, Fire Marshals, Superintendents of Fire Alarm, Superintendents of Waterworks, Buildings and Electric Inspectors, and each regular organized Fire Company in the several Fire Departments of the State; said persons and companies complying with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, and all individual members of such fire companies, who comply with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, shall, also, by virtue of their membership of such companies, be members of this Association for the purpose of participating in the benefits of this Association, and the funds disbursed by it, so long as said company remains a members of the Association, and no longer. But should any member fail to pay his per capita tax, when called for, and in accordance with the By-Laws of this Association he shall be debarred from the privileges of this Association.

Section 2. Any member injured or made sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of his duty as a Fireman, shall be entitled to the benefits from the "Firemen's Relief Fund" of this Association, as set forth and contained in the By-Laws of said Association; and should death result from such injury or sickness the widow, if any, of such deceased fireman shall receive such an amount and for such purposes as is set forth and contained in the By-Laws of this Association, and in case there is no widow, then the company of which such deceased fireman was a member shall receive such an amount and for such purposes as is set forth and contained in the By-Laws of this Association.

Section 3. Every person or company eligible and desiring to become a member of this Association shall make application to the Secretary, and at the same time pay to him the prescribed membership fee, and thereupon, if such applicant or company be eligible he or such company shall become a member of this Association.

Section 4. All companies represented in this Association must be in full accord and in good standing in the Fire Department of the city, town or village where they are located, and if at any time they are not so, they shall forfeit all rights to membership in this Association, and companies that do not affiliate with the fire department of the city, town or village where they are located shall not be entitled to membership in this Association.

Article IV

Section 1. The annual meetings of the Association shall be held at such place as the Association shall select, if said Association selects such place, and if not, then the Executive Committee shall select the time of holding all annual meetings of the Association.

Section 2. A failure to hold any annual meeting at the time designated in the Constitution shall in no wise make a dissolution of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as they may decide, on a call of the President or a majority of said Committee.

Article V

Section 1. If any vacancy shall occur by reason of death, resignation or otherwise of any of the officers of this Association, such vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term for which said officer was elected.

Article VI

Section 1. This Association shall have the power to alter, amend, repeal or revise this Constitution and the By-laws by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Association present entitled to vote; provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

BY-LAWS

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Article I

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Association and to counter-sign all orders, warrants or vouchers duly granted by the Association, Executive Committee or other officer of the Association. He shall receive \$250.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid quarterly by warrant on the Treasurer issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a complete record of all the proceedings of the Association; to receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association; to keep a roster of the names of the different companies composing the Association and the individual members thereof; to collect the membership fee and the per capita tax, and to pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; and to issue all warrants and vouchers for the payment of all moneys expended by the Association or any officer thereof. He shall execute a bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars to this Association for the security of all funds in his hands to be approved by and filed with the President. All property, books and records in the hands of the Secretary are, and shall remain the property of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. He shall receive \$600.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid quarterly by warrant on Treasurer, issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by the Secretary and give a receipt to him for the same; to collect and receive annually from the State Treasurer the amount appropriated by the Legislature for the Firemen's Relief Fund; to collect and receive from the Insurance Commissioner the five per cent of the money collected from the Insurance Companies as prescribed by law in Section 6067 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Caro-

lina. He shall disburse no moneys except on order issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President. At the annual meetings of the Association he shall make a full report of all the moneys received and disbursed by him. He shall execute a bond to the State of North Carolina as prescribed by law, which bond shall be approved by and filed with the Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, and shall make a detailed report to the said Treasurer of the State of North Carolina of the yearly expenditures of the Firemen's Relief Fund. He shall, also, execute a bond in the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to this Association for the security of the General Fund, to be approved by the President and filed with the Secretary of this Association. All property, books and records in the hands of the Treasurer are, and shall remain the property of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. He shall receive \$200.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid quarterly by warrant on the Treasurer issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to correctly compile the statistics of each village and city in the State of all matters pertaining to the fire service, annually correcting the previous reports, which shall include everything of interest to our firemen, and to be so arranged as to be comprehensive in every detail. The expenses of all printing, printed matter and postage necessary in sending for and receiving such information shall be paid by the Association. He shall receive \$75.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid annually by warrant on the Treasurer issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to have published the proceedings of the Association; to transact all business of the Association during the times intervening between the annual meetings of said Association; to advise the Treasurer in the management of all funds of the Association. At all meetings of the Executive Committee a majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of such quorum may determine all questions and transact all business the same as if all the said committee were present.

Section 7. The expenses of the President when absent from home upon business of the Association, and while attending the annual meetings and special meetings of the Association, to be incurred at his discretion, shall be paid upon warrant issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President, and the expenses of the other officers of the Association when absent from home upon business of the Association, and while attending the

annual meetings and special meetings of said Association shall likewise be paid upon warrant issued by the Secretary and countersigned by the President.

Section 8. All moneys expended under this Article shall be paid out the General Fund of this Association, and not from the Firemen's Relief Fund. Provided, that the salary of the Treasurer and printing of the minutes each year may be paid out of the Firemen's Relief Fund.

MEMBERSHIP

Article II

Section 1. Each fire company shall pay a membership fee of Five Dollars, and each Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Marshal, Superintendent of Fire Alarm, Superintendent of Waterworks, Building and Electric Inspectors, shall pay an annual fee of One Dollar, and all other members an annual fee of Fifty Cents each.

Section 2. The annual fees above mentioned shall be paid on, or before the first day of January of each and every year, in advance for the insuing year. And all members who fail to comply with this provision shall, thereon and by reason of such failure, cease to be members of this Association, and cannot again become members of this Association except by new application, made in regular form, and paying the prescribed fee for membership.

Section 3. Any individual or company, members of this Association who, at any time fail to act in a gentlemanly manner, may upon charges brought before the Association be expelled from said Association by a majority vote of the membership.

Section 4. Any Honorary Fireman may, upon the payment of the annual fees, become a member of the Association, with all rights and privileges of any other member, except such Honorary Fireman shall not participate in the Firemen's Relief Fund.

SICK AND DEATH BENEFITS

Article III

Section 1. Any member of this Association injured or made sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of his duties as a fireman shall be entitled to the benefits from the "Firemen's Relief Fund" of this Association, as follows: At the rate of \$4.00 per day while totally unable to attend to his ordinary business by reason of such injury or sickness for a period not exceeding one hundred days; but the Evecutive Committee may extend such benefits for good cause shown to the next annual meeting of the Association next after the expiration of the said period of one hundred days, and the Association at said annual meeting will,

at its pleasure, determine the time for which such benefits may be received; and in case of death for such injury or sickness, this Association shall pay to the widow of the deceased \$300.00 for funeral expenses, and should the deceased have no widow, this amount shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Company of which the deceased was a member to be used by said Company to defray his funeral expenses. Provided that no fireman shall be entitled to receive any benefits under this section until the local Fireman's Relief Fund of his city or town shall have been exhausted.

Section 2. The Chief or Acting Chief shall certify before a Magistrate, Notary Public or other officer authorized to administer oaths on blank form published by the Secretary of this Association, accompanied by a certificate of the attending physician, said certificate to be made on a blank furnished by the Secretary of this Association.

Section 3. Applications for benefits shall be made to the Secretary in compliance with the form to be furnished by the Secretary for that purpose, and shall be made within thirty days after receiving the injury or contracting the disease complained of; but said time for making said application may be extended by the Executive Committee for good cause shown.

Section 4. The action of this Association upon all questions that may arise as to granting or refusing relief and benefits, both as to the amount thereof and the person claiming, and upon all questions relating to the right or claim of membership, shall be final and conclusive, and the action of the Executive Committee upon said questions shall in like manner be final and conclusive until the same be changed by the Association at its annual meetings.

RULES GOVERNING HOSE COMPANIES

HAND REEL CONTEST

Two To Enter

Sixteen men and a freman allowed.

Reel to carry not less than 148 feet of standard two and one-half inch hose to be connected on the start as when ready for duty to fires (three full threads) to run 100 yards, unreel not less than 98 feet of hose, attach same to plug, screw pipe to hose (any size nozzle), throw water in quickest time. Water to show opposite or beyond the hydrant, or company shall be ruled out. The plug must be closed at the time of the company starting on the run, and shall be opened by the wrenchman. No straps or snap couplings allowed.

No company shall be allowed to assist another. In the run each company is required to furnish a roll of its members to the Secretary of the Association on the morning after the first day, as early as possible. Fifteen minutes will be allowed. Each company failing to start within that time shall be ruled out. Two entries required. No one allowed inside the ropes except the company making the run. The company making the best time wins the first prize. No company allowed to enter more than one team.

GRAB RACE CONTEST

Company to run 50 yards, grab reel and run 50 yards to plug, unreel not less than 48 feet of hose, attach same to plug and throw water—drag rope to be put up or down (optional with company) Plug must be closed when company starts to run same as Reel Contests. Couplings to be broken opposite or beyond plug. Should butt nozzle blow off, company to be ruled out.

HORSE REEL RACE

Two To Enter

Companies allowed the use of any four-wheeled Hose Carriage or Wagon, either one or two-horse, to carry not less than 250 feet standard two and one-half inch natural unstretched hose. Carriage or Wagon to be weighed; weight for one horse not less than 1,000 pounds, exclusive of driver and men; the driver, buttman and coupling breaker shall ride on Carriage or Wagon, horse or horses to be hitched to hose Carriage and Wagon and to be given a moving

start of 50 yards behind the actual starting line. The starting to be so located as to be a 200-yard run for horse to hydrant, where company is to unreel. Time to be taken when front wheels of wagon pass over the starting line until water shows, unreel not less than 250 feet of hose, break couplings and attach pipe and show water. Water must show within 50 of the 250-foot line; hose to be reeled on carriage or placed on wagon, connected with three full threads. The plug must be closed at the time of the company starting and cannot be opened until hose is first started to be unreeled. Companies allowed five men in addition to those who ride, and can be placed in such positions as desired. Time taken from the first signal until water shows. If butt, or pipe blows off company shall be ruled out and hose must be let go before pressure is taken off. Where ballast is used the certificate must show the kind of ballast and weight of same.

OTHER EVENTS

One Hundred Yard Foot Race

Men to run 100 yards. Two men to be selected by the captain of each company. The one making the best time wins the prize.

General Rules.

All contestants will be required to take part in the parade, unless excused for satisfactory reasons, same to be made in writing.

In no case will a second trial be allowed.

Each company's run will be decided by lot.

Captains will select all judges on the morning of the contest. All competing companies must furnish the judges with weight of apparatus—to be weighed on city scales.

Companies wishing couplings—city Standard, eight threads to the inch—will be furnished with the same on application to the Chief of Fire Department.

Hose will be furnished on the day of contest, if desired.

No person will be allowed to enter any of the contests unless he is a bona fide member of the company with which he enters.

N. B.—Judges must be governed by the rules, as no changes will be allowed under any circumstances.

Rules Governing Motor Contest at Fayetteville Convention and Tournament 1920.

Rule 1. Contest shall be to test the efficiency of the men, and not for speed of truck.

Rule 2. Team shall consist of not more than 8 men, one of whom shall be captain. Team to be sub-divided into 2 sub-teams, one for the Hose contest and one for the Chemical contest. The Hose team to consist of 1 wrenchman, 1 buttman, 1 slack-puller, 1 coupling-breaker and 1 nozzleman. The Chemical team to consist of 2 laddermen and one climber—three men; total eight men.

Rule 3. Truck shall be furnished by the city where Tournament is to be held. Same truck to be used by all teams alike. A competent chauffeur to be furnished by the city, to drive for all alike. He shall be sworn to give as near as is humanly possible the same start, the same speed and same finish to all teams alike.

Rule 4. Truck to start from a standstill with men on truck, from a point not less than 200 yards from hydrant; to run with fair speed to all, breaking string that sounds starting gong going at hydrant, 100 feet from hydrant and pass hydrant and come to a full stop opposite the ladder-shed, which shall be erected on the opposite side of the street, 50 feet beyond the hydrant. (Hydrant to be on right, ladder shed to be on left.)

Rule 5. Men to jump from truck, remove cap, connect hose to hydrant lay two sections of hose, break coupling, attach nozzle and show water at nozzle. The Chemical men to upship ladders, place same against ladder shed; the climber to mount same and touch top of ladder-shed with his chemical nozzle. Ladder to be standard twenty-four foot extension truck ladder.

Rule 6. There shall be two sets of timers, one for the Hose contest, and one for the Chemical contest. Hose contest shall be WET, the chemical contest to be DRY. Time shall be taken by both sets of timers at the sound of the starting gong—until water

shows at nozzle for the Hosemen, and from the touch of the chemical nozzle at top round of ladder-shed by the Chemical men.

Rule 7. In the Water Contest, coupling must be broken and water shown, opposite or beyond hydrant; hose must be laid in truck, same as for fire service; second coupling (the one to be broken) to be on three full threads and placed in truck, beyond the reach of the coupling breaker, until hose is commenced to be laid; buttman and slack-puller allowed not more than fifteen feet of slack to jump with; cap on hydrant to be three full threads.

Rule 8. The time of the Hose service and the Chemical service to be kept separate. Separate prizes to be given to the winners in each contest.

Rule 9. A neutral judge who is not in anyway connected with the team making the run, to ride on truck and report any infraction of the above rules.

Rule 10. No one except members of team starting with truck allowed to assist in any particular.

The General rules of the Association to govern Judges in making all decisions.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Name and Object

Article 1. The name of this Association, which is organized by voluntary agreement of its members and under resolutions duly adopted by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, shall be known as "Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the State of North Carolina."

Article 2. The objects of said Association shall be to cement more firmly the bonds of fraternity and friendship now existing between the members of THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Article 3. The Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund shall be created and maintained by assessment made upon its members, which shall become due and payable as provided in the By-Laws of the Association.

Government

Article 1. The Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund shall be under the general control and supervision and management of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Article 2. The Executive Committee shall make a report at each and every Annual Meeting of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association at its first business session.

By-Laws and Regulations

The officers of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund shall be the Executive officers of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Membership

Section 1. Any active member in good standing with the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and any honorary member who has already served five years as an active fireman in a company having representation in the State Firemen's Association and who has for the past five years been in good standing with the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall be eligible for membership in the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund.

Sub.-Sec. 2. The application of any person presented to the Secretary of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund for membership as an honorary member shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, sworn to and subscribed before a Notary Public by the three ranking officials of the Department or organization to which applicant has belonged to, or affiliated with, stating that such applicant has been an active member of an organized Fire Department in the State of North Carolina and is in good standing in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and has been for the period of FIVE years immediately preceeding the presentation of his application.

Sub.-Sec. 3 No application presented for membership either active or honorary shall be accepted by the Secretary of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund if the age of the applicant is in excess of 55 years.

2. Any member whose name shall have been dropped from the Roll of Members for non-payment of assessments may be reinstated in his membership upon application, and upon showing that he is in good health at the time, and upon paying to the Secretary the sum of \$2.20 together with all past due assessments: Provided, however, that said application for reinstatement shall be made within twelve months after the time his name shall have been dropped from the roll, and Provided, further, that no member so in default shall be allowed more than one application for reinstatement.

Beneficiaries and Certificates

3. A Certificate of Membership shall be issued to each member of THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, signed by the President and Secretary, which certificate, among other things, shall set forth the name, age, place of residence of the member, and also the name, age, place of residence and relationship of the Beneficiary named and designated by the member at the time of his application.

4. The Beneficiary shall be named and designated by the member at the time of his application for membership, and shall be a near relative of the applicant. Provided; that in exceptional cases; and with the consent of the Executive Committee, the applicant may designate his estate as beneficiary.

5. The designated Beneficiary may be changed at the pleasure of the member upon surrender of his Certificate of Membership upon the payment of a fee of \$1.00, and thereupon a new Certificate of Membership, with the name of the new beneficiary therein

stated, shall be issued to him. Upon surrender of any Certificate, the President and Secretary shall cancel the same.

6. In case the certificate of Membership shall be lost or destroyed, and a member desires to procure a new Certificate of Membership or desires to change the beneficiary designated therein, he shall have the resigned beneficiary, if living, join in the application for a new certificate, or for change of the Beneficiary; Provided, that in case the designated beneficiary be dead, proof of such fact must accompany the application for a new certificate, or for change of the beneficiary.

7. In case the designated beneficiary shall pre-decease the member, and the member shall die without having designated a new beneficiary, then, and in that event, the amount payable under the Certificate of Membership shall be payable to the heirs at law or legatees of such deceased member, according to the laws of the State of which the deceased member was a citizen at the time of his death.

Payment of Beneficiary Fund

Upon receiving satisfactory notice of the death of a member of THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, the President and Treasurer shall immediately forward to the beneficiary designated in the Certificate of Membership, if living, or to the heirs at law or legatees of such deceased member, if known, and the designated beneficiary be dead, a check for a sum of not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars if so much be in the Treasury at the time, and as soon hereafter as practicable, not exceeding sixty days, the balance collected upon the assessment made on account of the death of such deceased member: Provided, that no amount greater than One Thousand Dollars of the sum collected upon the assessment made for the death of any deceased member shall be paid to the designated beneficiary, if living, or to the heirs at law or legatees of the deceased member, if the designated beneficiary be dead at the time of the levy and collection of such assessment, Provided, further that One Dollar from every assessment in excess one One Thousand Dollars collected from members shall go to establish a surplus fund.

Assessment and Beneficiary Fund

1. Each member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association becoming a member of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the State of North Carolina shall pay in advance to the Secretary, the sum of \$2.20 which shall constitute the first two assessments.

2. Upon the death of any member of the Association, there shall be levied upon each member an assessment of \$1.10, and there shall be levied as many assessments as there shall be deaths of members, to the end that the primary fund arising from the first two assessments shall be maintained intact as nearly as possible.

3. All assessments shall be levied by the Secretary, notice of which shall be promptly given to each member, and shall be payable to said President and Secretary within thirty days after the same shall have been levied.

4. Any member who shall fail to pay the assessment levied, and being in default in payment thereof for thirty days after notice of such assessment, shall cease to be a member of THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, and shall forfeit all interest therein, unless reinstated as herein provided.

5. The sum arising from assessments shall be apportioned and applied as follows: Ten (10c) cents to each assessment shall be applied to the account of salary and expenses of one (\$1.00) Dollar thereof, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars, as heretofore provided, to the beneficiary of the member for whose death the assessment may be levied.

6. Upon payment of the full amount collected upon an assessment on account of the death of any member of the Fund, the President and Secretary shall cancel the certificate of membership of such deceased member.

Amendments

These By-Laws and Regulations may be repealed, amended or added to by vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee at any regular meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose, same to be subject to approval of the NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION at its next regular meeting.

Application blanks and Forms of Certificate of Membership were offered for inspection and the question of the exact forms left open for future action.

Upon motion of Capt. McNeill the election of a board of directors resulted as follows: James H. Wood, John L. Foister, Charles Schnibben, R. E. Currier and John L. Miller, the same persons as now constitute the Executive Committee of The North Carolina State Firemen's Association. The work of the incorporators having been completed, the meeting was adjourned.

JOHN L. MILLER,

Temporary Secretary.

RECORDS

REEL CONTEST (100) YARDS

10 A. M. Thursday August 25, 1927

Team	Time in Seconds
Concord	22
Burlington	0
East Spencer	18
Winston-Salem	18 2/5
Kannapolis	22 3/5
Spencer (Shop)	18 2/5
Carrboro	0

Tie run off

Winston-Salem	0
Spencer (Shop)	18

WINNERS

East Spencer, first	\$150.00
Spencer (Shop), Second	125.00
Winston-Salem, Third	100.00

GRAB CONTEST

Concord	18 1/5
Burlington	0
East Spencer	0
Winston-Salem	19
Kannapolis	21
Spencer (Shop)	16 4/5
Carrboro	21

WINNERS

Spencer (Shop), first	\$150.00
Concord, second	125.00
Winston-Salem, third	100.00

JUDGES

J. E. Lineberger, G. D. Moore, H. L. Waller, J. G. Bostic, S. S. McCoy, J. R. Kluttz, B. C. Cannada.

MOTOR CONTESTS—WATER AND CHEMICALS

2:00 P. M. Thursday, August 25th, 1927

Team	Water Time in Seconds	Chemicals Time in Sec.
Thomasville	10 1/5	9 1/5
Gibsonville	10 1/5	8 4/5
Sanford	10 1/5	10
Morehead City	0	10 4/5
Fayetteville	9 3/5	9 1/5
Statesville	0	11
New Berne	10	0
Canton	10 2/5	10
East Spencer	11	9 4/5
Lexington	9 4/5	9
Farmville	12 2/5	9 4/5
Concord	0	11 4/5
High Point	0	9
Lincolnton	11 3/5	8 3/5
Biltmore	10	9 3/5
Albemarle	0	8 4/5
Pinebluff	14	14
Tie run off		
New Berne		10 2/5
Biltmore		10 3/5

WINNERS

Fayetteville, first	\$150.00
Lexington, second	125.00
New Berne	100.00
Lincolnton, first	\$150.00
Gibsonville, second	125.00
Albemarle, third	100.00

Tie run off

Albemarle	10 2/5
Gibsonville	10

JUDGES

R. J. Tomlinson, W. G. Boon, D. L. Seymore, C. G. Smith, Morris Fleishman, A. Cooper, Albert Jowdy, C. W. Waller, A. E. Brannock, R. A. Joyner, S. H. Foil, W. H. Long, J. A. Shuford, C. W. Bryson and C. L. Miller.

HORSE HOSE WAGON CONTEST

Team	Time in Seconds
1907—Asheville, No. 2	29 4/5
1908—Eclipse, Goldsboro	34 1/4
1909—Asheville No. 1	26 1/3
1910—Kinston	29
1911—New Bern, No. 1	26 1/2
1912—New Bern, No. 1	33 2/5
1913—New Bern, No. 1 (Riverside)	30 3/5
1914—Burlington	30 3/5
1915—Morehead City, No. 1	29 2/5
1916—Kinston, No. 2., Morehead City No. 1	27 2/5

HAND REEL CONTEST

Team	Time in Seconds
1907—Salem	26 3/5
1908—Southside, (Chestnut Hill)	25
1909—Spencer	23 3/5
1911—Southside (Chestnut Hill)	22 3/5
1912—Chapel Hill	25
1913—Chapel Hill	24
1914—Chapel Hill	24 1/5
1915—Chapel Hill	24 1/5
1916—Spencer (Shop Team)	22 2/5
1920—Spencer (Shop Team)	22 2/5
1920—Spencer	18
1921—Spencer	18
1922—Winston-Salem	22
1923—Winston-Salem	18 3/5
1924—East Spencer	18
1925—Winston-Salem	18
1926—Spencer (Shop)	17 3/5
1927—East Spencer	18

GRAB RACES

Team	Time in Seconds
1907—Southside (Chestnut Hill)	19
1907—Salem	17 3/5
1909—Spencer	17 4/5
1910—Spencer	17
1911—Spencer	16 4/5
1912—Southside (Chestnut Hill)	18
1913—Spencer (Shop Team)	17

1914—Chapel Hill	18 2/5
1915—Spencer (Shop Team)	17 3/5
1916—Spencer (Shop Team)	16 2/5
1921—Chapel Hill	18 4/5
1922—Winston-Salem	20 1/5
1923—East Spencer	16 3/5
1924—Winston-Salem	19
1925—Spencer (Shop Team)	16 2/5
1926—East Spencer	17
1927—Spencer (Shop)	16 4/5

MOTOR CONTEST

Water		Chemicals	
	Seconds		Seconds
1920—Statesville	12	Mooreville	17 1/5
1921—Statesville	10 2/5	Statesville	8 4/5
1922—High Point	9 2/5	Asheville	9 2/5
1923—Statesville No. 2.....	9 2/5	High Point	9
1924—Thomasville	10 2-6	Sanford	8 1/5
1925—Statesville	8 4/5	Albemarle	8
1926—Fayetteville	9 4/5	Fayetteville	8 1/5
1927—Fayetteville	9 3/5	Lincolnton	8 3/5

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